

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Senator Lassa:

This version of LRB-3617/2 creates a Technology Transfer Grant and Loan Program, at s. 560.276 in the Department of Commerce. Please review this new program carefully to ensure that it accomplishes your intent.

The drafting instructions directed me to define a “research institution” as “an accredited college or university located in Wisconsin or a hospital in Wisconsin that conducts research.” At the direction of Mark Knickelbine in an e-mail dated 10/12, I modified this instruction to reference medical, dental, and veterinary schools, and I added other schools with a health care focus. However, I have the following additional questions about this definition:

1. What do you mean by “accredited”?
2. Was it your intent that the phrase “that conducts research” modify just hospitals, or also “accredited college or university?” If the latter, is research conducted at the college level?
3. Is the list of colleges, universities, and schools sufficient? Is it your intent that technical colleges be able to apply for a grant or loan under this program?

In addition, please review the factors to be considered by the department before awarding a grant or loan under the program to be sure that they are consistent with your intent. Let me know if you have any questions or wish to make any changes.

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