



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 88
[2011 Assembly Bill 1]

Jobs Tax Credits

Under Wisconsin law, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) may award a refundable income or franchise tax credit (“jobs tax credit”) to a person who operates or intends to operate a business in the state and who enters into a contract with WEDC. To receive a jobs tax credit, a person must have increased net employment in his or her business. In addition, the person must have created jobs with wages in a specified range, improved employees’ job-related skills, or provided other qualified training. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010, jobs tax credits equal a percentage, as determined by WEDC but not exceeding 10%, of qualified new employee wages, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per employee. [s. 238.16, Stats.]

2011 Wisconsin Act 88 increases the amount of jobs tax credits that WEDC may award in a given calendar year. Under the Act, beginning on July 1, 2011, WEDC may award up to \$10 million in jobs tax credits in each calendar year. Under *prior law*, WEDC was authorized to award up to \$5 million in jobs tax credits in any given calendar year.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.