

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 13-4068/1	Introduction Number SB-002 (JR4)	Estimate Type Original
Description Workforce training grants to technical colleges, workforce training grants for collaborative projects among school districts, technical colleges, and businesses, workforce training grants and services to enhance employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, and making an appropriation		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill reduces the Joint Finance Committee's general purpose revenue supplemental appropriation to make \$35.4 million available for workforce program grants and services to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) over the 2013-15 biennium. As specified by language in the bill, this is a one-time appropriation.

DWD is responsible for determining high-demand fields that qualify for use of these grant funds:

- a) to reduce technical college waiting lists for enrollment in programs and courses in high-demand fields.
- b) for collaborative programs among K12 school districts, technical colleges and businesses to provide high school pupils with industry-recognized certifications in high-demand fields.
- 3) to public and private organizations or services provided by the department to enhance employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

To the extent that technical colleges are awarded these competitive workforce training grants, local colleges will experience both increased revenue and increased costs. The increased costs will come from expanding programs and services to fulfill the goals of the workforce training grants to reduce waiting lists and collaborate with K12 and businesses to offer programs through which students can earn industry-recognized certifications. The increased revenue will come from the grant awards and will likely offset increased costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications