



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 14

February 14, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives BERNIER, SCHRAA, LOUDENBECK, NYGREN, BIES, BORN, STONE, T. LARSON, PETRYK, SPIROS, JAGLER, KRAMER, TRANEL, THIESFELDT, STRACHOTA, HONADEL, A. OTT, KUGLITSCH, WEATHERSTON, MURPHY and KNODL, cosponsored by Senators GUDEX, COWLES, DARLING, HARS DORF, LASSA, LEIBHAM, LAZICH and MOULTON, by request of Governor Scott Walker. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.445 (1) (b), 20.445 (1) (bm) and 106.27 of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** workforce training, granting rule-making authority, and making
3 appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to establish a statewide workforce investment system to meet the employment, training, and educational needs of persons in this state; to plan, coordinate, administer, and implement a youth apprenticeship program and such other employment and education programs as the governor may assign to DWD; and to make grants to persons providing employment and training activities to dislocated workers.

This bill creates a workforce training program to be administered by DWD. Under that program, DWD is required to award grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of workforce training programs and an organization that is awarded a grant may use the grant for the training of both new and incumbent employees of businesses in this state. In addition, the bill permits DWD to require a public or private organization, as a condition of receiving a grant, to provide matching funds at a percentage to be determined by DWD.

The bill appropriates \$7,500,000 in each of fiscal years 2013–14 and 2014–15 to DWD for grants under the program (grants appropriation), and \$180,000 in fiscal year 2012–13, \$1,660,000 in fiscal year 2013–14, and \$3,160,000 in fiscal year

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2 **20.445 Workforce development, department of**

3 (1) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

4 (b) Workforce training program;

5 grants	GPR	C	7,500,000	7,500,000
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6 (bm) Workforce training program;

7 administration	GPR	B	1,660,000	3,160,000
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8 **SECTION 3.** 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.445 (1) (b) *Workforce training program; grants.* As a continuing
10 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for workforce training grants under s.
11 106.27 (1).

12 **SECTION 4.** 20.445 (1) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

13 20.445 (1) (bm) *Workforce training program; administration.* Biennially, the
14 amounts in the schedule for the administration of the workforce training program
15 under s. 106.27.

16 **SECTION 5.** 106.27 of the statutes is created to read:

17 **106.27 Workforce training program.** (1) WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS.
18 From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (b), the department shall award grants
19 to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of
20 workforce training programs. An organization that is awarded a grant under this
21 subsection may use the grant for the training of both new and incumbent employees
22 of businesses in this state. As a condition of receiving a grant under this subsection,
23 the department may require a public or private organization to provide matching
24 funds at a percentage to be determined by the department.

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1 **(2) IMPLEMENTATION.** The department shall have all powers necessary and
2 convenient to implement this section, including the power to do all of the following:

3 (a) Promulgate, by rule, procedures and criteria for awarding grants under sub.
4 (1).

5 (b) Receive and review applications for grants under sub. (1) and to prescribe
6 the form, nature, and extent of the information that must be contained in an
7 application for a grant under sub. (1).

8 (c) Audit and inspect the records of grant recipients.

9 (d) Require reports from grant recipients as needed.

10 **(3) ANNUAL REPORT.** Annually, by December 31, the department shall submit
11 a report to the governor and the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance
12 providing an account of the department's activities and expenditures under this
13 section during the preceding fiscal year.

14 **SECTION 6. Nonstatutory provisions.**

15 **(1) WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS.** Before July 1, 2016, the department of
16 workforce development shall consult with the technical college system board and the
17 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation in reviewing applications for
18 workforce training grants under section 106.27 (1) of the statutes, as created by this
19 act, and in awarding those grants.

20 **(2) WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM; POSITIONS.** The authorized FTE positions for
21 the department of workforce development are increased by 4.0 GPR positions, to be
22 funded from the appropriation under section 20.445 (1) (bm) of the statutes, as
23 created by this act, for the purpose of administration of the workforce training
24 program under section 106.27 of the statutes, as created by this act.

25 **SECTION 7. Fiscal changes.**

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1 (1) WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM; TRANSFER OF MONEYS FROM ADMINISTRATION
2 APPROPRIATION TO GRANTS APPROPRIATION.

3 (a) By July 1, 2014, the department of workforce development shall estimate
4 the amount of moneys needed for the administration of the workforce training
5 program under section 106.27 of the statutes, as created by this act, in fiscal year
6 2014–15. If the department estimates that the amount needed for the
7 administration of that program in fiscal year 2014–15 is less than the amount
8 appropriated under section 20.445 (1) (bm) of the statutes, as created by this act, in
9 that fiscal year, the department shall submit to the joint committee on finance a
10 proposal to transfer moneys from that appropriation to the appropriation under
11 section 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes, as created by this act, for the purpose of
12 increasing funding for workforce training grants under section 106.27 (1) of the
13 statutes, as created by this act.

14 (b) If within 14 working days after the date on which the department of
15 workforce development submits the proposal under paragraph (a) the
16 cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance do not notify the secretary of
17 workforce development that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose
18 of reviewing the proposal, the amount proposed for transfer is transferred from the
19 appropriation under section 20.445 (1) (bm) of the statutes, as created by this act, to
20 the appropriation under section 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes, as created by this act,
21 and may be expended by the department of workforce development for workforce
22 training grants under section 106.27 (1) of the statutes, as created by this act. If
23 within 14 working days after the date on which the department of workforce
24 development submits the proposal under paragraph (a) the cochairpersons of the
25 joint committee on finance notify the secretary of workforce development that the

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1 committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposal,
2 moneys may be transferred from the appropriation under section 20.445 (1) (bm) of
3 the statutes, as created by this act, to the appropriation under section 20.445 (1) (b)
4 of the statutes, as created by this act, and may be expended by the department of
5 workforce development only as approved by the committee. Upon the transfer of any
6 moneys under this paragraph, the appropriation under section 20.445 (1) (b) of the
7 statutes, as created by this act, is increased by the amount transferred.

8 (c) Notwithstanding section 16.42 (1) (e) of the statutes, if any moneys are
9 transferred under paragraph (b), the department of workforce development, in
10 submitting information under section 16.42 of the statutes for purposes of the
11 2015–17 biennial budget bill, shall submit a dollar amount for section 20.445 (1) (b)
12 of the statutes, as created by this act, as though the amount appropriated to the
13 department of workforce development in fiscal year 2014–15 is the amount shown
14 in the schedule plus any amount transferred under paragraph (b) and shall submit
15 a dollar amount for section 20.445 (1) (bm) of the statutes, as created by this act, as
16 though the amount appropriated to the department of workforce development in
17 fiscal year 2014–15 is the amount shown in the schedule less any amount transferred
18 under paragraph (b).

19 **SECTION 8. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
20 except as follows:

21 (1) **WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM; GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION.** SECTION 2 of this
22 act takes effect on the 2nd day after publication of the 2013–15 biennial budget act.

23 (END)