

2013 Senate Bill 335 (LRB -2950)

An Act to create 20.445 (1) (d) and 106.05 of the statutes; relating to: a tuition reimbursement program for apprentices and employers, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation. (FE)

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10-04.	S.	Introduced by Senators Harsdorf, Leibham, Darling, Shilling, Erpenbach, Cowles, C. Larson, Schultz, Lassa and Lehman ; cosponsored by Representatives Nerison, Tranel, Petryk, Pridemore, Bernier, Born, Weatherston, Nygren, Ballweg, LeMahieu, A. Ott, Kaufert, Nass, Kleefisch, Ripp, T. Larson, Marklein, Krug, Jacque, Czaja and Endsley .	388
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11-05.	S.	Read a second time	
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11-05.	S.	Senate Amendment 2 adopted	
11-05.	S.	Ordered to a third reading	
11-05.	S.	Rules suspended	
11-05.	S.	Read a third time and passed , Ayes 32, Noes 0	
11-05.	S.	Senator L. Taylor added as a coauthor	
11-05.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged	
11-05.	A.	Received from Senate	
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11-05.	A.	Rules suspended	
11-05.	A.	Read a third time and concurred in , Ayes 93, Noes 2	
11-05.	A.	Representative Wright added as a cosponsor	
11-05.	A.	Fiscal estimate received	
11-05.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	
11-06.	S.	Received from Assembly concurred in	

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2013 SENATE BILL 335

October 4, 2013 – Introduced by Senators HARS DORF, LEIBHAM, DARLING, SHILLING, ERPENBACH, COWLES, C. LARSON, SCHULTZ, LASSA and LEHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives NERISON, TRANEL, PETRYK, PRIDEMORE, BERNIER, BORN, WEATHERSTON, NYGREN, BALLWEG, LEMAHIEU, A. OTT, KAUFERT, NASS, KLEEFISCH, RIPP, T. LARSON, MARKLEIN, KRUG, JACQUE, CZAJA and ENDSLEY. Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Local Government.

1 AN ACT *to create* 20.445 (1) (d) and 106.05 of the statutes; **relating to:** a tuition
2 reimbursement program for apprentices and employers, granting rule-making
3 authority, and making an appropriation. INS. SA 2+1

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any person 16 years of age or over may enter into an indenture, which is a contract whereby the person (apprentice) is to receive from his or her employer, in consideration for the apprentice's services, instruction in any trade, craft, or business. That instruction may include related classroom instruction.

This bill requires the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to administer a tuition reimbursement program under which DWD may reimburse, as provided in the bill, the cost of tuition incurred by a person who has completed an apprenticeship program and who is employed in the trade, craft, or business in which the person was trained under the apprenticeship program or incurred by the person's employer. Under the bill, the amount of that reimbursement is 25 percent of the cost of tuition incurred by the person or employer or \$1,000, whichever is less, except that if the amount of funds applied for exceeds the amount available for tuition reimbursement, DWD may reduce the reimbursement percentage or deny applications for reimbursement that would otherwise qualify for reimbursement. In that case, DWD must determine the reimbursement percentage and eligibility on the basis of the dates on which applications for reimbursement were received.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

			2013-14	2014-15
20.445	Workforce development, department of			
(1)	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT			
(d)	Tuition reimbursement for apprentices and employers	GPR A	225,000	225,000

INS. SA2-2

SECTION 2. 20.445 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

20.445 (1) (d) *Tuition reimbursement for apprentices and employers.* The amounts in the schedule for tuition reimbursement for apprentices and employers under s. 106.05 (2).

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SECTION 3. 106.05 of the statutes is created to read:

106.05 Tuition reimbursement for apprentices and employers. (1)

DEFINITION. In this section, "tuition" means the program fees and additional fees described in s. 38.24 (1m) and (1s) that are charged by a technical college, or the fees charged by a proprietary school that is approved under s. 38.50, to enroll in a course providing classroom instruction that is related to an apprenticeship program.

(2) TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. (a) *Administration; eligibility.* The department shall administer a tuition reimbursement program under which the department may reimburse, as provided in par. (c), the cost of tuition incurred by a

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1 person who has completed an apprenticeship program and who is employed in the
2 trade, craft, or business in which the person was trained under the apprenticeship
3 program or incurred by the person's employer.

4 (b) *Application.* A person who meets the requirements specified in par. (a) or
5 the person's employer may apply for reimbursement under par. (c) for the cost of
6 tuition incurred by the person or employer by submitting an application to the
7 department that meets all of the following requirements:

8 1. Is received by the department within a time limit set by the department by
9 rule.

10 2. Contains all the information that the department determines is necessary
11 for the department to establish the eligibility of the person or employer for the
12 reimbursement.

13 3. Contains the signature of the person certifying that he or she has completed
14 an apprenticeship program and is employed in the trade, craft, or business in which
15 he or she was trained under the apprenticeship program, contains the signature of
16 the person's sponsor certifying that the person has completed an apprenticeship
17 program, and contains the signature of the person's employer certifying that the
18 person is employed in the trade, craft, or business in which he or she was trained
19 under the apprenticeship program.

20 4. Contains a statement signed by a representative of the technical college or
21 proprietary school providing the course for which the tuition was paid indicating the
22 amount of tuition paid and whether the tuition was paid by the person enrolled in
23 the course or the person's employer.

24 (c) *Reimbursement.* Subject to par. (d), if the department determines that a
25 person meets the requirements specified in par. (a), the department, from the

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1 appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (d), shall reimburse the person or the person's
2 employer for 25 percent of the cost of tuition incurred by the person or employer or
3 in the amount of \$1,000, whichever is less.

4 (d) *Limitations.* 1. If the amount of funds applied for exceeds the amount
5 available under s. 20.445 (1) (d), the department may reduce the reimbursement
6 percentage or deny applications for reimbursement that would otherwise qualify
7 under this subsection. In that case, the department shall determine the
8 reimbursement percentage and eligibility on the basis of the dates on which
9 applications for reimbursement were received.

10 2. The department may provide reimbursement under this subsection to a
11 person who is delinquent in child support or maintenance payments or who owes
12 past support, medical expenses, or birth expenses, as established by appearance of
13 the person's name on the statewide support lien docket under s. 49.854 (2) (b), only
14 if the person provides the department with one of the following:

15 a. A repayment agreement that the person has entered into, that has been
16 accepted by the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5), and that has been
17 kept current for the 6-month period immediately preceding the date of the
18 application.

19 b. A statement that the person is not delinquent in child support or
20 maintenance payments and does not owe past support, medical expenses, or birth
21 expenses, signed by the department of children and families or its designee within
22 7 working days before the date of the application.

23 (3) **RULES.** The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

24 (END)

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**SENATE AMENDMENT 2,
TO SENATE BILL 335**

October 14, 2013 – Offered by Senator HARSDORF.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 1: delete the material beginning with “a tuition” and ending
3 with “employers,” on line 2 and substitute “an apprenticeship completion award
4 program.”

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5 **2.** Page 2, line 6: delete the material beginning with “Tuition” and ending with
6 “employers” on line 7 and substitute “Apprenticeship completion award program”.

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7 **3.** Page 2, line 9: delete the material beginning with “Tuition” and ending with
8 “employers” on line 10 and substitute “Apprenticeship completion award program.
9 The amounts in the schedule for the apprenticeship completion award program”.

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10 **4.** Page 2, line 13: delete the material beginning with that line and ending with
11 page 4, line 23, and substitute:

12 “106.05 Apprenticeship completion award program. (1) DEFINITIONS. In
13 this section:

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1 (a) "Sponsor" does not include a state agency or local governmental unit.

2 (b) "Tuition costs" means any fee that is charged for an apprentice to participate
3 in related instruction under s. 106.01 (6).

4 (2) APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION AWARDS. (a) The department shall administer
5 an apprenticeship completion award program as provided in this section to partially
6 reimburse tuition costs incurred by any of the following:

7 1. An apprentice who has successfully completed part or all of the requirements
8 of his or her apprenticeship program as provided in par. (b) 1. and 2. and who is
9 employed in the trade, occupation, or business in which he or she is being trained
10 under the apprenticeship program.

11 2. The sponsor of an apprentice described in subd. 1.

12 (b) Subject to par. (c) and sub. (3), from the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1)
13 (d), the department shall provide to an apprentice described in par. (a) 1. or the
14 apprentice's sponsor a completion award equal to 25 percent of the cost of tuition
15 incurred by the apprentice or sponsor or \$1,000, whichever is less, as follows:

16 1. The department shall make the first payment of a completion award upon
17 the successful completion of the first year of the apprentice's apprenticeship contract.
18 The amount of the first payment may not exceed \$250.

19 2. The department shall pay the remainder of a completion award upon the
20 successful completion of all requirements of the apprentice's apprenticeship
21 program.

22 (c) The total amount of a completion award that the department may pay to an
23 apprentice and his or her sponsor may not exceed 25 percent of the cost of tuition
24 incurred by the apprentice and sponsor or \$1,000, whichever is less.

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1 **(3) LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS.** (a) If the amount of funds to be distributed under
 2 sub. (2) exceeds the amount available under s. 20.445 (1) (d), the department may
 3 reduce the reimbursement percentage or deny applications for completion awards
 4 that would otherwise qualify under sub. (2). In that case, the department shall
 5 determine the reimbursement percentage and eligibility on the basis of the dates on
 6 which apprentices and sponsors become eligible for completion awards.

7 (b) The department may provide a completion award under sub. (2) to a person
 8 who is delinquent in child support or maintenance payments or who owes past
 9 support, medical expenses, or birth expenses, as established by appearance of the
 10 person's name on the statewide support lien docket under s. 49.854 (2) (b), only if the
 11 person provides the department with one of the following:

12 1. A repayment agreement that the person has entered into, that has been
 13 accepted by the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5), and that has been
 14 kept current for the 6-month period immediately preceding the date of the
 15 application for a completion award.

16 2. A statement that the person is not delinquent in child support or
 17 maintenance payments and does not owe past support, medical expenses, or birth
 18 expenses, signed by a representative or designee of the department of children and
 19 families within 7 working days before the date of the application for a completion
 20 award.

21 **(4) RULES.** The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section".

(END)

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CORRECTIONS IN:

**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE AMENDMENT 2,
TO 2013 SENATE BILL 335**

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau
(November 12, 2013)

In enrolling, the following correction was made:

1. Page 1, line 2: delete "24" and substitute "21".

(END)



**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE AMENDMENT 2,
TO SENATE BILL 335**

EDITOR: PLEASE ENTER CORRECTION
IN ENROLLING - LINE 2:
CHANGE "24" TO "21". ✓

October 16, 2013 - Offered by JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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1 At the locations indicated, amend the amendment as follows:

2 1. Page 3, line ²¹24: delete that line and substitute:

3 "(4) RULES. The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

4 **SECTION 4m. Initial applicability.**

5 (1) APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION AWARD PROGRAM. This act first applies to an
6 apprentice who successfully completes part or all of the requirements of his or her
7 apprenticeship program as provided in section 106.05 (2) (b) 1. or 2. of the statutes,
8 as created by this act, on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after the rules
9 promulgated under section 106.05 (4) of the statutes, as created by this act, take
10 effect."}

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(END)