



2013 SENATE BILL 331

October 4, 2013 – Introduced by Senators GUDEx, GROTHMAN, LEHMAN, LEIBHAM, COWLES, DARLING, SCHULTZ and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives PETRYK, STONE, BORN, SCHRAA, JAGLER, MARKLEIN, BALLWEG, KRUG, KESTELL, KLEEFISCH, NASS, T. LARSON, WEATHERSTON, NYGREN, TAUCHEN, LEMAHIEU, PRIDEMORE, TRANEL, LOUDENBECK, BIES, ENDSLEY and A. OTT. Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Local Government.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.255 (2) (ct) and 115.367 of the statutes; **relating to:** career
2 and technical education incentive grants and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill establishes a grant program to promote career and technical education programs in school districts that operate high school grades. Under the bill, the Department of Public Instruction (department) must annually confer with the Department of Workforce Development and the Wisconsin Technical College System to identify industries and occupations that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained, entry-level workers. The bill requires the department to approve industry-recognized certification programs that will address the workforce shortages in the identified industries and occupations. The bill also requires the department to award grants of \$1,000 per pupil to school districts for each pupil in the school district who completes an approved, industry-recognized certification program and who graduates from a high school in the school district. The bill allocates \$3 million to the grant program, and grants will become available beginning in the 2014-15 school year.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

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

			2013-14	2014-15
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4	20.255 Public instruction, department of			
5	(2) AID FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING			
6	(ct) Career and technical education			
7	incentive grants	GPR A	-0-	3,000,000

8 **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (ct) of the statutes is created to read:
9 20.255 (2) (ct) *Career and technical education incentive grants.* The amounts
10 in the schedule for grants to school districts under s. 115.367.

11 **SECTION 3.** 115.367 of the statutes is created to read:
12 **115.367 Career and technical education incentive grants.** The state
13 superintendent shall:

14 (1) Annually confer with the department of workforce development and the
15 Wisconsin technical college system to identify industries and occupations within this
16 state that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained, entry-level
17 workers. The state superintendent shall annually notify school districts of the
18 identified industries and occupations and make this information available on the
19 Internet site of the department of public instruction.

20 (2) Approve industry-recognized certification programs that satisfy all of the
21 following:

22 (a) The industry-recognized certification program is designed to mitigate
23 workforce shortages in any of the industries or occupations identified under sub. (1).

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1 (b) The industry–recognized certification program is a component of a school
2 district’s technical education program as provided under s. 118.33 (1) (g) 1. c. and 2.

3 (3) (a) Beginning in the 2014–15 school year, from the appropriation under s.
4 20.255 (2) (ct), annually award incentive grants to school districts in the amount of
5 \$1,000 per pupil for each pupil in the school district who, in the prior school year,
6 obtained a high school diploma or a technical education high school diploma from a
7 school in the school district, if all of the following apply:

8 1. The school district has an industry–recognized certification program
9 approved under sub. (2).

10 2. The pupil successfully completed the industry–recognized certification
11 program under subd. 1.

12 (b) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ct) in any fiscal year is insufficient
13 to pay the full amount under par. (a), the department shall prorate the amount of its
14 payments among school districts eligible for an incentive grant under this section.

15 (END)