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## ASSEMBLY BILL 2

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.445 (1) (b), 106.27 (2g) (a) 1., 106.27 (2g) (a) 2., 106.27 (2g)  
2           (a) 3. and 106.27 (3); and *to create* 106.27 (1g) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
3           workforce training grants to technical colleges, workforce training grants for  
4           collaborative projects among school districts, technical colleges, and  
5           businesses, workforce training grants and services to enhance employment  
6           opportunities for persons with disabilities, and making an appropriation.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

7           **SECTION 1.** 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act 9,  
8           is amended to read:  
9           20.445 (1) (b) *Workforce training program; grants and services.* As a continuing  
10          appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for workforce training grants and  
11          services under s. 106.27 (1) and (1g).

1           **SECTION 2.** 106.27 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

2           106.27 (1g) WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM; EXPANDED PURPOSES. Of the amounts  
3 appropriated under s. 20.445 (1) (b) in the 2013–15 fiscal biennium, the department  
4 shall allocate \$35,400,000 for all of the following:

5           (a) Grants to technical colleges for the reduction of waiting lists for enrollment  
6 in programs and courses in high–demand fields, as determined by the department.

7           (b) Grants for collaborative projects among school districts, technical colleges,  
8 and businesses to provide high school pupils with industry–recognized certifications  
9 in high–demand fields, as determined by the department.

10           (c) Grants to public and private organizations or services provided by the  
11 department to enhance employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

12           (d) Administration of the grants and services under par. (a) to (c) and, if the  
13 department determines that the full amount of the allocation under this subsection  
14 will not be needed for grants and services under pars. (a) to (c) and for administration  
15 of those grants and services under this paragraph, grants under sub. (1).

16           **SECTION 3.** 106.27 (2g) (a) 1. of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act  
17 9, is amended to read:

18           106.27 (2g) (a) 1. Promulgate rules prescribing procedures and criteria for  
19 awarding grants under sub. (1) and the information with respect to those grants that  
20 must be contained in the reports required under subd. 3.

21           **SECTION 4.** 106.27 (2g) (a) 2. of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act  
22 9, is amended to read:

23           106.27 (2g) (a) 2. Receive and review applications for grants under sub. ~~subs.~~  
24 (1) and (1g) and prescribe the form, nature, and extent of the information that must  
25 be contained in an application for a grant under sub. (1) or (1g).

1           **SECTION 5.** 106.27 (2g) (a) 3. of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act  
2           9, is amended to read:

3           106.27 **(2g)** (a) 3. Require reports from grant recipients describing how the  
4           grant moneys received by a grant recipient were expended and the outcomes  
5           achieved as a result of the training program, waiting-list reduction activities,  
6           certification program, or employment enhancement activities implemented by the  
7           grant recipient.

8           **SECTION 6.** 106.27 (3) of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act 9, is  
9           amended to read:

10           106.27 **(3)** ANNUAL REPORT. Annually, by December 31, the department shall  
11           submit a report to the governor and the cochairpersons of the joint committee on  
12           finance providing an account of the department’s activities and expenditures under  
13           this section during the preceding fiscal year. The report shall include information  
14           on the number of unemployed and underemployed workers and incumbent  
15           employees who participate in training programs under ~~this section~~ sub. (1); the  
16           number of unemployed workers who obtain gainful employment, underemployed  
17           workers who obtain new employment, and incumbent employees who receive  
18           increased compensation after participating in such a training program; and the  
19           wages earned by those workers and employees both before and after participating  
20           in such a training program. The report shall also include information on the extent  
21           to which waiting lists for enrollment in courses and programs provided by technical  
22           colleges in high-demand fields are reduced as a result of grants under sub. (1g) (a),  
23           on the number of high school pupils who participate in certification programs under  
24           sub. (1g) (b), and on the number of persons with disabilities who participate in  
25           employment enhancement activities under sub. (1g) (c).

1           **SECTION 9151. Nonstatutory provisions; Workforce Development.**

2           (1) WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS AND SERVICES. Notwithstanding section 16.42  
3 (1) (e) of the statutes, the department of workforce development, in submitting  
4 information under section 16.42 of the statutes for purposes of the 2015–17 biennial  
5 budget bill, shall submit information concerning the appropriation under section  
6 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes, as affected by this act, as though the increase in the  
7 dollar amount of that appropriation under SECTION 9251 (1) of this act had not been  
8 made.

9           **SECTION 9224. Fiscal changes; Joint Committee on Finance.**

10          (1) WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS AND SERVICES. In the schedule under section  
11 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the joint committee on finance  
12 under section 20.865 (4) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar  
13 amount is decreased by \$32,900,000 for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in  
14 which this subsection takes effect and by \$2,500,000 for the second fiscal year of the  
15 fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to decrease funding for the  
16 purposes for which the appropriation is made.

17          **SECTION 9251. Fiscal changes; Workforce Development.**

18          (1) WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS AND SERVICES. In the schedule under section  
19 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of workforce  
20 development under section 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of  
21 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$32,900,000 for the first fiscal year of the  
22 fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect and by \$2,500,000 for the second  
23 fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect for the purpose

1 of providing funding for grants and services under section 106.27 (1g) of the statutes,  
2 as created by this act.

3 (END)