

## State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE



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FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 An ACT...; relating to: the budget.

# Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau TAXATION

#### INCOME TAXATION

Under current law, a person may claim the economic development tax credit for eligible activities in economically distressed areas of the state, as determined by WEDC. Currently, a person may also claim a jobs tax credit equal to 10 percent of the wages paid to employees whose wages satisfy certain thresholds. Both credits are administered by WEDC.

This bill eliminates the economic development tax credit and the jobs tax credit and creates the business development credit, which is a refundable tax credit. Under the business development credit, a person certified by WEDC may claim all of the following:

- 1. An amount equal to up to 10 percent of the amount of wages that the person paid to an employee in a full-time position in a taxable year.
- 2. An amount equal to up to 5 percent of the amount of wages that the person paid to an employee in a full-time position in a taxable year, if the eligible position is offered at the claimant's business in an economically distressed area, as determined by WEDC.
- 3. An amount equal to up to 50 percent of the person's costs incurred to undertake certain job-training activities.

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credits computed under s. 71.07 (2dd), (2de), (2di), (2dj), (2dL), (2dm), (2dr), (2ds), (2dx), (2dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn), (3s), (3t), (3w), (3v), (4k), (4n), (5e), (5f), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5r), (5rm), (6n), and (8r) and not passed through by a partnership, limited liability company, or tax-option corporation that has added that amount to the partnership's, company's, or tax-option corporation's income under s. 71.21 (4) or 71.34 (1k) (g).

**Section 3.** 71.07 (2dy) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.07 (2dy) (b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations under this subsection and ss. 238.301 to 238.306 or ss. 560.701 to 560.706, 2009 stats., for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may claim as a credit against the tax imposed under s. 71.02 or 71.08, up to the amount of the tax, the amount authorized for the claimant under s. 238.303 or s. 560.703. 2009 stats.

1	Section 4. 71.07 (2dy) (d) 4. of the statutes is created to read:
2	71.07 (2dy) (d) 4. No credit may be claimed under this subsection for taxable
3	years beginning after December 31, 2015. Credits under this subsection for taxable
4	years that begin before January 1, 2016, may be carried forward to taxable years that
5	begin after December 31, 2015.
6	SECTION 5. 71.07 (3q) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
7	71.07 (3q) (b) Filing claims. (intro.) Subject to the limitations provided in this
8	subsection and s. 238.16 or s. 560.2055, 2009 stats., for taxable years beginning after
9	December 31, 2009, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may claim as a credit
10	against the taxes imposed under ss. 71.02 and 71.08 any of the following:
11	SECTION 6. 71.07 (3q) (d) 3. of the statutes is created to read:
12	71.07 (3q) (d) 3. No credit may be claimed under this subsection for taxable
13	years beginning after December 31, 2015. Credits under this subsection for taxable
14	years that begin before January 1, 2016, may be carried forward to taxable years that
15	begin after December 31, 2015.
16	SECTION 7. 71.07 (3y) of the statutes is created to read:
17	71.07 (3y) Business development credit. (a) Definitions. In this subsection:
18	1. "Claimant" means a person certified to receive tax benefits under s. 238.308.
19	2. "Eligible position" has the meaning given in s. $238.308(1)(a)$ .
20	(b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection and s.
21	238.308, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, a claimant may claim
22	as a credit against the tax imposed under ss. 71.02 and 71.08 all of the following:
23	1. The amount of wages that the claimant paid to an employee in an eligible
24	position in the taxable year, not to exceed 10 percent of such wages, as determined
25	by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation under s. 238.308.

- 2. The amount of wages that the claimant paid to an employee in an eligible position in the taxable year, not to exceed 5 percent of such wages, if the employee is employed in an eligible position at the claimant's business in an economically distressed area, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- 3. The amount of training costs that the claimant incurred under s. 238.308 (4) (a) 3., not to exceed 50 percent of such costs, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- 4. The amount of the personal property investment, not to exceed 3 percent of such investment, and the amount of the real property investment, not to exceed 5 percent of such investment, in a capital investment project that satisfies s. 238.308 (4) (a) 4., as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- (c) Limitations. 1. Partnerships, limited liability companies, and tax-option corporations may not claim the credit under this subsection, but the eligibility for, and the amount of, the credit are based on their payment of amounts under par. (b). A partnership, limited liability company, or tax-option corporation shall compute the amount of credit that each of its partners, members, or shareholders may claim and shall provide that information to each of them. Partners, members of limited liability companies, and shareholders of tax-option corporations may claim the credit in proportion to their ownership interests.
- 2. No credit may be allowed under this subsection unless the claimant includes with the claimant's return a copy of the claimant's certification for tax benefits under s. 238.308.
- (d) Administration. 1. Section 71.28 (4) (e), (g), and (h), as it applies to the credit under s. 71.28 (4), applies to the credit under this subsection.

2. If the allowable amount of the claim under par. (b) exceeds the tax otherwise due under ss. 71.02 and 71.08, the amount of the claim not used to offset the tax due shall be certified by the department of revenue to the department of administration for payment by check, share draft, or other draft drawn from the appropriation account under s. 20.835 (2) (bg).

**SECTION 8.** 71.08 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.08 (1) IMPOSITION. (intro.) If the tax imposed on a natural person, married couple filing jointly, trust, or estate under s. 71.02, not considering the credits under ss. 71.07 (1), (2dd), (2de), (2di), (2dj), (2dL), (2dr), (2ds), (2dx), (2dy), (3m), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn), (3s), (3t), (3w), (3y), (4k), (5b), (5d), (5e), (5f), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5n), (6), (6e), (8r), (9e), (9m), and (9r), 71.28 (1dd), (1de), (1di), (1dj), (1dL), (1ds), (1dx), (1dy), (2m), (3), (3n), (3t), and (3w), 71.47 (1dd), (1de), (1di), (1dj), (1dL), (1ds), (1dx), (1dy), (2m), (3), (3n), (3t), and (3w), 71.57 to 71.61, and 71.613 and subch. VIII and payments to other states under s. 71.07 (7), is less than the tax under this section, there is imposed on that natural person, married couple filing jointly, trust or estate, instead of the tax under s. 71.02, an alternative minimum tax computed as follows:

**SECTION 9.** 71.10 (4) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.10 (4) (i) The total of claim of right credit under s. 71.07 (1), farmland preservation credit under ss. 71.57 to 71.61, farmland preservation credit, 2010 and beyond under s. 71.613, homestead credit under subch. VIII, farmland tax relief credit under s. 71.07 (3m), dairy manufacturing facility investment credit under s. 71.07 (3p), jobs tax credit under s. 71.07 (3q), meat processing facility investment credit under s. 71.07 (3r), woody biomass harvesting and processing credit under s. 71.07 (3rm), food processing plant and food warehouse investment credit under s. 71.07 (3rn), business development credit under s. 71.07 (3y), film production services

credit under s. 71.07 (5f), film production company investment credit under s. 71.07
(5h), veterans and surviving spouses property tax credit under s. 71.07 (6e),
enterprise zone jobs credit under s. 71.07 (3w), beginning farmer and farm asset
owner tax credit under s. 71.07 (8r), earned income tax credit under s. 71.07 (9e),
estimated tax payments under s. 71.09, and taxes withheld under subch. X.

**SECTION 10.** 71.21 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.21 (4) (a) The amount of the credits computed by a partnership under s. 71.07 (2dd), (2de), (2di), (2dj), (2dL), (2dm), (2ds), (2dx), (2dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn), (3s), (3t), (3w), (3y), (4k), (4n), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5r), (5rm), (6n), and (8r) and passed through to partners shall be added to the partnership's income.

**SECTION 11.** 71.28 (1dy) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.28 (1dy) (b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations under this subsection and ss. 238.301 to 238.306 or s. 560.701 to 560.706, 2009 stats., for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may claim as a credit against the tax imposed under s. 71.23, up to the amount of the tax, the amount authorized for the claimant under s. 238.303 or s. 560.703, 2009 stats.

**Section 12.** 71.28 (1dy) (d) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

71.28 (1dy) (d) 4. No credit may be claimed under this subsection for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015. Credits under this subsection for taxable years that begin before January 1, 2016, may be carried forward to taxable years that begin after December 31, 2015.

**SECTION 13.** 71.28 (3q) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.28 (3q) (b) *Filing claims*. (intro.) Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection and s. 238.16 or s. 560.2055, 2009 stats., for taxable years beginning after

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- December 31, 2009, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may claim as a credit
  against the taxes imposed under s. 71.23 any of the following:

  Section 14. 71.28 (3q) (d) 3. of the statutes is created to read:
  - 71.28 (3q) (d) 3. No credit may be claimed under this subsection for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015. Credits under this subsection for taxable years that begin before January 1, 2016, may be carried forward to taxable years that begin after December 31, 2015.
- 8 Section 15. 71.28 (3y) of the statutes is created to read:
  - 71.28 (3y) Business development credit. (a) Definitions. In this subsection:
    - 1. "Claimant" means a person certified to receive tax benefits under s. 238.308.
  - 2. "Eligible position" has the meaning given in s. 238.308 (1) (a).
    - (b) *Filing claims*. Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection and s. 238.308, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, a claimant may claim as a credit against the tax imposed under ss. 71.02 and 71.08 all of the following:
    - 1. The amount of wages that the claimant paid to an employee in an eligible position in the taxable year, not to exceed 10 percent of such wages, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation under s. 238.308.
    - 2. The amount of wages that the claimant paid to an employee in an eligible position in the taxable year, not to exceed 5 percent of such wages, if the employee is employed in an eligible position at the claimant's business in an economically distressed area, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
    - 3. The amount of training costs that the claimant incurred under s. 238.308 (4) (a) 3., not to exceed 50 percent of such costs, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

- 4. The amount of the personal property investment, not to exceed 3 percent of such investment, and the amount of the real property investment, not to exceed 5 percent of such investment, in a capital investment project that satisfies s. 238.308 (4) (a) 4., as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- (c) Limitations. 1. Partnerships, limited liability companies, and tax-option corporations may not claim the credit under this subsection, but the eligibility for, and the amount of, the credit are based on their payment of amounts under par. (b). A partnership, limited liability company, or tax-option corporation shall compute the amount of credit that each of its partners, members, or shareholders may claim and shall provide that information to each of them. Partners, members of limited liability companies, and shareholders of tax-option corporations may claim the credit in proportion to their ownership interests.
- 2. No credit may be allowed under this subsection unless the claimant includes with the claimant's return a copy of the claimant's certification for tax benefits under s. 238.308.
- (d) *Administration*. 1. Subsection (4) (e), (g), and (h), as it applies to the credit under sub. (4), applies to the credit under this subsection.
- 2. If the allowable amount of the claim under par. (b) exceeds the tax otherwise due under s. 71.23, the amount of the claim not used to offset the tax due shall be certified by the department of revenue to the department of administration for payment by check, share draft, or other draft drawn from the appropriation account under s. 20.835 (2) (bg).

**SECTION 16.** 71.30 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.30 (3) (f) The total of farmland preservation credit under subch. IX, farmland tax relief credit under s. 71.28 (2m), dairy manufacturing facility

investment credit under s. 71.28 (3p), jobs credit under s. 71.28 (3q), meat processing facility investment credit under s. 71.28 (3r), woody biomass harvesting and processing credit under s. 71.28 (3rm), food processing plant and food warehouse investment credit under s. 71.28 (3rn), enterprise zone jobs credit under s. 71.28 (3w), business development credit under s. 71.28 (3y), film production services credit under s. 71.28 (5f), film production company investment credit under s. 71.28 (5h), beginning farmer and farm asset owner tax credit under s. 71.28 (8r), and estimated tax payments under s. 71.29.

**SECTION 17.** 71.34 (1k) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.34 (1k) (g) An addition shall be made for credits computed by a tax-option corporation under s. 71.28 (1dd), (1de), (1di), (1dj), (1dL), (1dm), (1ds), (1dx), (1dy), (3), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3r), (3rm), (3rm), (3t), (3w), (3y), (4), (5), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5r), (5rm), (6n), and (8r) and passed through to shareholders.

**SECTION 18.** 71.45 (2) (a) 10. of the statutes is amended to read:

71.45 (2) (a) 10. By adding to federal taxable income the amount of credit computed under s. 71.47 (1dd) to (1dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn), (3w), (3y), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5r), (5rm), (6n), (8r), and (9s) and not passed through by a partnership, limited liability company, or tax-option corporation that has added that amount to the partnership's, limited liability company's, or tax-option corporation's income under s. 71.21 (4) or 71.34 (1k) (g) and the amount of credit computed under s. 71.47 (1), (3), (3t), (4), (4m), and (5).

**Section 19.** 71.47 (1dy) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.47 (1dy) (b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations under this subsection and ss. 238.301 to 238.306 or s. 560.701 to 560.706, 2009 stats., for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may

1	claim as a credit against the tax imposed under s. 71.43, up to the amount of the tax,
2	the amount authorized for the claimant under s. 238.303 or s. 560.703, 2009 stats.
3	SECTION 20. 71.47 (1dy) (d) 4. of the statutes is created to read:
4	71.47 (1dy) (d) 4. No credit may be claimed under this subsection for taxable
5	years beginning after December 31, 2015. Credits under this subsection for taxable
6	years that begin before January 1, 2016, may be carried forward to taxable years that
7	begin after December 31, 2015.
8	SECTION 21. 71.47 (3q) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
9	71.47 (3q) (b) Filing claims. (intro.) Subject to the limitations provided in this
10	subsection and s. 238.16 or s. 560.2055, 2009 stats., for taxable years beginning after
11	December 31, 2009, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may claim as a credit
12	against the taxes imposed under s. 71.43 any of the following:
13	Section 22. 71.47 (3q) (d) 3. of the statutes is created to read:
14	71.47 (3q) (d) 3. No credit may be claimed under this subsection for taxable
15	years beginning after December 31, 2015. Credits under this subsection for taxable
16	years that begin before January 1, 2016, may be carried forward to taxable years that
17	begin after December 31, 2015.
18	Section 23. 71.47 (3y) of the statutes is created to read:
19	71.47 (3y) Business development credit. (a) Definitions. In this subsection:
20	1. "Claimant" means a person certified to receive tax benefits under s. 238.308.
21	2. "Eligible position" has the meaning given in s. 238.308 (1) (a).
22	(b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection and s.
23	238.308, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, a claimant may claim
24	as a credit against the tax imposed under ss. 71.02 and 71.08 all of the following:

- 1. The amount of wages that the claimant paid to an employee in an eligible position in the taxable year, not to exceed 10 percent of such wages, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation under s. 238.308.
  - 2. The amount of wages that the claimant paid to an employee in an eligible position in the taxable year, not to exceed 5 percent of such wages, if the employee is employed in an eligible position at the claimant's business in an economically distressed area, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
  - 3. The amount of training costs that the claimant incurred under s. 238.308 (4) (a) 3., not to exceed 50 percent of such costs, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
  - 4. The amount of the personal property investment, not to exceed 3 percent of such investment, and the amount of the real property investment, not to exceed 5 percent of such investment, in a capital investment project that satisfies s. 238.308 (4) (a) 4., as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- (c) Limitations. 1. Partnerships, limited liability companies, and tax-option corporations may not claim the credit under this subsection, but the eligibility for, and the amount of, the credit are based on their payment of amounts under par. (b). A partnership, limited liability company, or tax-option corporation shall compute the amount of credit that each of its partners, members, or shareholders may claim and shall provide that information to each of them. Partners, members of limited liability companies, and shareholders of tax-option corporations may claim the credit in proportion to their ownership interests.

- 2. No credit may be allowed under this subsection unless the claimant includes with the claimant's return a copy of the claimant's certification for tax benefits under s. 238.308.
- (d) Administration. 1. Section 71.28 (4) (e), (g), and (h), as it applies to the credit under s. 71.28 (4), applies to the credit under this subsection.
- 2. If the allowable amount of the claim under par. (b) exceeds the tax otherwise due under s. 71.42, the amount of the claim not used to offset the tax due shall be certified by the department of revenue to the department of administration for payment by check, share draft, or other draft drawn from the appropriation account under s. 20.835 (2) (bg).

## **SECTION 24.** 71.49 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.49 (1) (f) The total of farmland preservation credit under subch. IX, farmland tax relief credit under s. 71.47 (2m), dairy manufacturing facility investment credit under s. 71.47 (3p), jobs credit under s. 71.47 (3q), meat processing facility investment credit under s. 71.47 (3r), woody biomass harvesting and processing credit under s. 71.47 (3rm), food processing plant and food warehouse investment credit under s. 71.47 (3rn), enterprise zone jobs credit under s. 71.47 (3w), business development credit under s. 71.47 (3y), film production services credit under s. 71.47 (5f), film production company investment credit under s. 71.47 (5h), beginning farmer and farm asset owner tax credit under s. 71.47 (8r), and estimated tax payments under s. 71.48.

## **SECTION 25.** 76.637 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

76.637 (2) FILING CLAIMS. Subject to the limitations under this section, ss. 238.301 to 238.306, and ss. 560.701 to 560.706, 2009 stats., for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may

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claim as a credit against the fees due under s. 76.60, 76.63, 76.65, 76.66, or 76.67 the amount authorized for the claimant under s. 238.303 or s. 560.703, 2009 stats.

**SECTION 26.** 76.637 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

76.637 (5) SUNSET. No credit may be claimed under this section for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

**SECTION 27.** 238.15 (3) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

238.15 (3) (d) Rules Administration. (intro.) The corporation, in consultation with the department of revenue, shall adopt rules establish policies and procedures to administer this section. The rules and shall further define "bona fide angel investment" for purposes of s. 71.07 (5d) (a) 1. The rules shall limit the aggregate amount of tax credits under s. 71.07 (5d) that may be claimed for investments in businesses certified under sub. (1) at \$3,000,000 per calendar year for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2004, and before January 1, 2008, \$5,500,000 per calendar year for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2007, and before January 1, 2010, \$6,500,000 for calendar year 2010, and \$20,000,000 per calendar year for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2010, plus, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010, an additional \$250,000 for tax credits that may be claimed for investments in nanotechnology businesses certified under sub. (1). The rules shall also limit the aggregate amount and of the tax credits under ss. 71.07 (5b), 71.28 (5b), 71.47 (5b), and 76.638 that may be claimed for investments paid to fund managers certified under sub. (2) at \$3,500,000 per calendar year for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2004, and before January 1, 2008, \$6,000,000 per calendar year for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2007, and before January 1, 2010, \$8,000,000 for calendar year 2010, and \$20,500,000 is \$30,000,000 per calendar year for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2010, plus, for

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taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010, an additional \$250,000 for tax
credits that may be claimed for investments in nanotechnology businesses certified
under sub. (1). The rules policies and procedures established under this section shall
also provide that, for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2007, a person
who receives a credit under ss. 71.07 (5b) and (5d), 71.28 (5b), 71.47 (5b), or 76.638
must keep the investment in a certified business, or with a certified fund manager,
for no less than 3 years, unless the person's investment becomes worthless, as
determined by the corporation, during the 3-year period or the person has kept the
investment for no less than 12 months and a bona fide liquidity event, as determined
by the corporation, occurs during the 3-year period. The rules policies and
procedures shall permit the corporation to reallocate credits under this section that
are unused in any calendar year to a person eligible for tax benefits, as defined under
s. 238.16 (1) (d) 238.30 (7) (e), if all of the following apply:

**SECTION 28.** 238.16 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

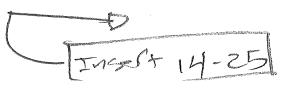
238.16 (4) (c) Subject to a reallocation by the corporation pursuant to rules adopted under s. 238.15 (3) (d), the corporation may allocate up to \$5,000,000 in tax benefits under this section in any calendar year, except that beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2015, the corporation may allocate up to \$10,000,000 in tax benefits under this section in any calendar year.

**SECTION 29.** 238.16 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

238.16 (6) SUNSET. The corporation may not award any tax benefits under this section after June 30, 2015.

**Section 30.** 238.30 (7) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

238.30 (7) (e) In s. 238.308, "tax benefits" means the business development tax credit under ss. 71.07 (3y), 71.28 (3y), and 71.47 (3y).



1	SECTION 31. 238.303 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
2	238.303 (4) Sunset. The corporation may not award any tax benefits under ss.
3	238.301 to 238.306 after June 30, 2015.
4	SECTION 32. 238.308 of the statutes is created to read:
5	238.308 Business development tax credit. (1) Definitions. In this section.
6	(a) "Eligible position" means a full-time job offered by a person certified under
7	sub. (2).
8	(b) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., "full-time job" means a regular,
9	nonseasonal full-time position in which an individual, as a condition of employment,
10	is required to work at least 2,080 hours per year, including paid leave and holidays,
11	and for which the individual receives pay that is equal to at least 150 percent of the
12	federal minimum wage and benefits that are not required by federal or state law.
13	"Full-time job" does not include initial training before an employment position.
14	2. The corporation may grant exceptions to the requirement under subd. 1. that
15	a full-time job means a position in which an individual, as a condition of
16	employment, is required to work at least 2,080 hours per year if all of the following
17	apply:
18	a. The annual pay for the position is more than the amount determined by
19	multiplying 2,080 by 150 percent of the federal minimum wage.
20	b. An individual in the position is offered retirement, health, and other benefits
21	that are equivalent to the retirement, health, and other benefits offered to an
22	individual who is required to work at least 2,080 hours per year.
23	(2) CERTIFICATION. (a) The corporation may certify a person to receive tax
24	benefits under this section if all of the following apply:
25	1. The person is operating or intends to operate a business in this state.

- 2. The person applies under this section and enters into a contract with the corporation.
  - (b) The certification of a person under par. (a) may remain in effect for no more than 10 cumulative years.
  - (3) ELIGIBILITY FOR TAX BENEFITS. A person is eligible to receive tax benefits if, in each year for which the person claims tax benefits under this section, the person increases net employment in this state in the person's business above the net employment in this state in the person's business during the year before the person was certified under sub. (2), as determined by the corporation under its policies and procedures.

 $\ensuremath{^{****}}\ensuremath{\mathsf{NOTE}}.$  This is borrowed from the jobs tax credit. Is it consistent with the intent? MPG

- (4) AWARDS, LIMITS, EXPIRATION. (a) The corporation may award all of the following tax benefits to a person certified under sub. (2):
- 1. An amount equal to up to 10 percent of the amount of wages that the person paid to an employee in an eligible position in a taxable year.
- 2. An amount equal to up to 5 percent of the amount of wages that the person paid to an employee in an eligible position in a taxable year, if the eligible position is offered at the claimant's business in an economically distressed area, as determined by the corporation.
- 3. An amount equal to up to 50 percent of the person's training costs incurred to undertake activities to enhance an employee's general knowledge, employability, and flexibility in the workplace; to develop skills unique to the person's workplace or equipment; or to develop skills that will increase the quality of the person's product.

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- 4. An amount equal to up to 3 percent of the person's personal property investment and 5 percent of the person's real property investment in a capital investment project, if the project will result in the location or retention of a person's corporate headquarters in Wisconsin or if the project involves a total capital investment of at least \$1,000,000 or, if less than \$1,000,000, the project involves a capital investment that is equal to at least \$10,000 per employee employed on the project.
- (b) Subject to a reallocation by the corporation under s. 238.15 (3) (d), the corporation may allocate up to \$10,000,000 in tax benefits under this section in any calendar year. Any unused allocation may be carried forward.
- (5) DUTIES OF THE CORPORATION. (a) The corporation shall notify the department of revenue when the corporation certifies a person to receive tax benefits.
- (b) The corporation shall notify the department of revenue within 30 days of revoking a certification made under sub. (2).
- (c) The corporation may require a person to repay any tax benefits the person claims for a year in which the person failed to maintain an eligible position required by an agreement under sub. (2) (b).
- (d) The corporation shall determine the maximum amount of the tax credits under ss. 71.07 (3y), 71.28 (3y), and 71.47 (3y) that a certified business may claim and shall notify the department of revenue of this amount.
- (e) The corporation shall annually verify the information submitted to the corporation by the person claiming tax benefits under ss. 71.07 (3y), 71.28 (3y), and 71.47 (3y).
- (f) The corporation shall adopt policies and procedures for the implementation and operation of this section.

 $\ensuremath{^{****}}\ensuremath{\mathsf{Note}}$  . These duties are borrowed largely from the jobs tax credit under current law. Okay? MPG

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## 2015-2016 Drafting Insert FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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**Section 1.** 238.303 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

238.303 (1) (a) Except as provided in pars. (am) and (b), and subject to a reallocation by the corporation pursuant to rules adopted under s. 238.15 (3) (d), the total tax benefits available to be allocated by the corporation under ss. 238.301 to 238.306 may not exceed the sum of the tax benefits remaining to be allocated under s. 560.71 to 560.785, 2009 stats., s. 560.797, 2009 stats., s. 560.798, 2009 stats., s. 560.7995, 2009 stats., and s. 560.96, 2009 stats., on March 6, 2009, plus \$100,000,000.

\*\*\*\*Note: This treatment corrects what appears to be an error in the statutes. The reallocation provision under s. 238.15 (3) (d) does not appear to have every applied to the "economic development tax credit." Okay?

NOTE: NOTE: Section 238.303 (1) (title) was renumbered from s. 560.703 (1) (title) by the legislative reference bureau under s. 13.92 (1) (bm) 2.NOTE: History: 2009 a. 2, 265; 2011 a. 4; 2011 a. 32 ss. 3412 to 3415; Stats. 2011 s. 238.303; 2013 a. 20; s. 13.92 (1) (bm) 2. END INSERT 14–25

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\*\*\*\*Note: I removed the definition of "full-time job" in the draft, because that term is already defined in s. 238.30 (2m) (a) and (b). Please let me know if you have any questions. MPG

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5. An amount, as determined by the corporation, equal to a percentage of the amount of wages that the person paid to an employee in an eligible position in a taxable year, if the eligible position was created or retained in connection with the person's location or retention of the person's corporate headquarters in Wisconsin and the job duties associated with the eligible position involve the performance of corporate headquarters functions.

END INSERT 17-7

## Gallagher, Michael

From:

Quinn, Brian D - DOA <Brian.Quinn@wisconsin.gov>

Sent: To: Sunday, January 25, 2015 4:50 PM Gallagher, Michael; Kreye, Joseph

Subject:

RE: Business Development Credit Change and Question - 0997/P2

I suppose my language was vaguer in writing than it was in my head. I only mentioned the headquarters piece as being "distinct" from the capital investment piece, without clarifying that there is no intended connection in the capital investment piece to anything involving a corporate headquarters.

To make this clearer, the criteria should be:

- 1. Job creation and retention with the bonus for distressed counties as drafted
- 2. Worker training as drafted
- 3. Capital investment at 3% for personal property and 5% for real property
- 4. Headquarters retention mirroring the current law Economic Development Tax Credit provision

Does that improve the clarity a little bit?

Thanks.

-Brian

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**Sent:** Sunday, January 25, 2015 4:44 PM

To: Quinn, Brian D - DOA; Kreye, Joseph - LEGIS

Subject: RE: Business Development Credit Change and Question - 0997/P2

On 1, I'll remove that reference in the capital investment portion. After your follow-up, I thought you wanted the headquarters thing in both instances, as under current law if I'm not mistake--I don't have it in front of me right now. So, just to be clear, we want the most recent change--allowing the credit to be claimed for employees performing headquarters functions--but we want to remove the headquarters method for qualifying a capital investment for purposes of the credit. Correct?

On 2, I'll have to defer to Joe.

**From:** Quinn, Brian D - DOA [Brian.Quinn@wisconsin.gov]

**Sent:** Sunday, January 25, 2015 4:18 PM **To:** Gallagher, Michael; Kreye, Joseph

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Mike and Joe,

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If that second point needs clarification, let me know.

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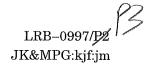
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## State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE



DOA:.....Quinn, BB0318 – Jobs credit and economic development credit consolidation

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AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau TAXATION

#### **INCOME TAXATION**

Under current law, a person may claim the economic development tax credit for eligible activities in economically distressed areas of the state, as determined by WEDC. Currently, a person may also claim a jobs tax credit equal to 10 percent of the wages paid to employees whose wages satisfy certain thresholds. Both credits are administered by WEDC.

This bill eliminates the economic development tax credit and the jobs tax credit and creates the business development credit, which is a refundable tax credit. Under the business development credit, a person certified by WEDC may claim all of the following:

- 1. An amount equal to up to 10 percent of the amount of wages that the person paid to an employee in a full-time position in a taxable year.
- 2. An amount equal to up to 5 percent of the amount of wages that the person paid to an employee in a full-time position in a taxable year, if the eligible position is offered at the claimant's business in an economically distressed area, as determined by WEDC.
- 3. An amount equal to up to 50 percent of the person's costs incurred to undertake certain job-training activities.

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- 4. An amount equal to up to 3 percent of the person's personal property investment and 5 percent of the person's real property investment in certain capital investment projects.
- 5. An amount determined by the corporation as a percentage of wages paid to a full-time employee performing corporate headquarters functions if the person locates or retains its headquarters in Wisconsin.

WEDC may allocate up to \$10,000,000 to the business development tax credit in any calendar year and may carry forward unused amounts.

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

**SECTION 1.** 20.835 (2) (bg) of the statutes is created to read:

20.835 (2) (bg) Business development credit. A sum sufficient to make the payments under ss. 71.07 (3y) (d) 2., 71.28 (3y)-(d) 2., and 71.47 (3y) (d) 2.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This Section involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 71.05 (6) (a) 15. of the statutes is amended to read:

71.05 (6) (a) 15. Except as provided under s. 71.07 (3p) (c) 5., the amount of the credits computed under s. 71.07 (2dd), (2de), (2di), (2dj), (2dL), (2dm), (2dr), (2ds), (2dx), (2dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn), (3s), (3t), (3w), (3y), (4k), (4n), (5e), (5f), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5r), (5rm), (6n), and (8r) and not passed through by a partnership, limited liability company, or tax-option corporation that has added that amount to the partnership's, company's, or tax-option corporation's income under s. 71.21 (4) or 71.34 (1k) (g).

**SECTION 3.** 71.07 (2dy) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.07 (2dy) (b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations under this subsection and ss. 238.301 to 238.306 or ss. 560.701 to 560.706, 2009 stats., for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may claim as a credit against the tax imposed under s. 71.02 or 71.08, up to the amount

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**Section 4.** 71.07 (2dy) (d) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

71.07 (2dy) (d) 4. No credit may be claimed under this subsection for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, Credits under this subsection for taxable years that begin before January 1, 2016, may be carried forward to taxable years that begin after December 31, 2015.

**SECTION 5.** 71.07 (3q) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.07 (3q) (b) Filing claims. (intro.) Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection and s. 238.16 or s. 560.2055, 2009 stats., for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2009, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may claim as a credit against the taxes imposed under ss. 71.02 and 71.08 any of the following:

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**Section 7.** 71.07 (3y) of the statutes is created to read:

- 71.07 (3y) Business development credit. (a) Definitions. In this subsection:
- 1. "Claimant" means a person certified to receive tax benefits under s. 238.308.
  - 2. "Eligible position" has the meaning given in s. 238.308 (1) (a).
  - (b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection and s. 238.308, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, a claimant may claim as a credit against the tax imposed under ss. 71.02 and 71.08 all of the following:

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- 1. The amount of wages that the claimant paid to an employee in an eligible position in the taxable year, not to exceed 10 percent of such wages, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation under s. 238.308.
- 2. The amount of wages that the claimant paid to an employee in an eligible position in the taxable year, not to exceed 5 percent of such wages, if the employee is employed in an eligible position at the claimant's business in an economically distressed area, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- 3. The amount of training costs that the claimant incurred under s. 238.308 (4) (a) 3., not to exceed 50 percent of such costs, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- 4. The amount of the personal property investment, not to exceed 3 percent of such investment, and the amount of the real property investment, not to exceed 5 percent of such investment, in a capital investment project that satisfies s. 238.308 (4) (a) 4., as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
- (c) Limitations. 1. Partnerships, limited liability companies, and tax-option corporations may not claim the credit under this subsection, but the eligibility for, and the amount of, the credit are based on their payment of amounts under par. (b). A partnership, limited liability company, or tax-option corporation shall compute the amount of credit that each of its partners, members, or shareholders may claim and shall provide that information to each of them. Partners, members of limited liability companies, and shareholders of tax-option corporations may claim the credit in proportion to their ownership interests.

- 2. No credit may be allowed under this subsection unless the claimant includes with the claimant's return a copy of the claimant's certification for tax benefits under s. 238.308.
  - (d) Administration. 1. Section 71.28 (4) (e), (g), and (h), as it applies to the credit under s. 71.28 (4), applies to the credit under this subsection.
  - 2. If the allowable amount of the claim under par. (b) exceeds the tax otherwise due under ss. 71.02 and 71.08, the amount of the claim not used to offset the tax due shall be certified by the department of revenue to the department of administration for payment by check, share draft, or other draft drawn from the appropriation account under s. 20.835 (2) (bg).

**SECTION 8.** 71.08 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.08 (1) IMPOSITION. (intro.) If the tax imposed on a natural person, married couple filing jointly, trust, or estate under s. 71.02, not considering the credits under ss. 71.07 (1), (2dd), (2de), (2di), (2dj), (2dL), (2dr), (2ds), (2dx), (2dy), (3m), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn), (3s), (3t), (3w), (3y), (4k), (5b), (5d), (5e), (5f), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5n), (6), (6e), (8r), (9e), (9m), and (9r), 71.28 (1dd), (1de), (1di), (1dj), (1dL), (1ds), (1dx), (1dy), (2m), (3), (3n), (3t), and (3w), 71.47 (1dd), (1de), (1di), (1dj), (1dL), (1ds), (1dx), (1dy), (2m), (3), (3n), (3t), and (3w), 71.57 to 71.61, and 71.613 and subch. VIII and payments to other states under s. 71.07 (7), is less than the tax under this section, there is imposed on that natural person, married couple filing jointly, trust or estate, instead of the tax under s. 71.02, an alternative minimum tax computed as follows:

**SECTION 9.** 71.10 (4) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.10 (4) (i) The total of claim of right credit under s. 71.07 (1), farmland preservation credit under ss. 71.57 to 71.61, farmland preservation credit, 2010 and beyond under s. 71.613, homestead credit under subch. VIII, farmland tax relief

credit under s. 71.07 (3m), dairy manufacturing facility investment credit under s.
71.07 (3p), jobs tax credit under s. 71.07 (3q), meat processing facility investment
credit under s. 71.07 (3r), woody biomass harvesting and processing credit under s.
71.07 (3rm), food processing plant and food warehouse investment credit under s.
71.07 (3rn), business development credit under s. 71.07 (3y), film production services
credit under s. 71.07 (5f), film production company investment credit under s. 71.07
(5h), veterans and surviving spouses property tax credit under s. 71.07 (6e),
enterprise zone jobs credit under s. 71.07 (3w), beginning farmer and farm asset
owner tax credit under s. 71.07 (8r), earned income tax credit under s. 71.07 (9e),
estimated tax payments under s. 71.09, and taxes withheld under subch. X.

**Section 10.** 71.21 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.21 (4) (a) The amount of the credits computed by a partnership under s. 71.07 (2dd), (2de), (2di), (2dj), (2dL), (2dm), (2ds), (2dx), (2dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn), (3s), (3t), (3w), (3y), (4k), (4n), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5r), (5rm), (6n), and (8r) and passed through to partners shall be added to the partnership's income.

SECTION 11. 71.28 (1dy) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.28 (1dy) (b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations under this subsection and ss. 238.301 to 238.306 or s. 560.701 to 560.706, 2009 stats., for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may claim as a credit against the tax imposed under s. 71.23, up to the amount of the tax, the amount authorized for the claimant under s. 238.303 or s. 560.703, 2009 stats.

**Section 12.** 71.28 (1dy) (d) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

71.28 (1dy) (d) 4. No credit may be claimed under this subsection for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015 Credits under this subsection for taxable

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  - (c) Limitations. 1. Partnerships, limited liability companies, and tax-option corporations may not claim the credit under this subsection, but the eligibility for, and the amount of, the credit are based on their payment of amounts under par. (b). A partnership, limited liability company, or tax-option corporation shall compute the amount of credit that each of its partners, members, or shareholders may claim and shall provide that information to each of them. Partners, members of limited liability companies, and shareholders of tax-option corporations may claim the credit in proportion to their ownership interests.
  - 2. No credit may be allowed under this subsection unless the claimant includes with the claimant's return a copy of the claimant's certification for tax benefits under s. 238.308.
  - (d) *Administration*. 1. Subsection (4) (e), (g), and (h), as it applies to the credit under sub. (4), applies to the credit under this subsection.
  - 2. If the allowable amount of the claim under par. (b) exceeds the tax otherwise due under s. 71.23, the amount of the claim not used to offset the tax due shall be certified by the department of revenue to the department of administration for

payment by check, share draft, or other draft drawn from the appropriation account under s. 20.835 (2) (bg).

**SECTION 16.** 71.30 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.30 (3) (f) The total of farmland preservation credit under subch. IX, farmland tax relief credit under s. 71.28 (2m), dairy manufacturing facility investment credit under s. 71.28 (3p), jobs credit under s. 71.28 (3q), meat processing facility investment credit under s. 71.28 (3r), woody biomass harvesting and processing credit under s. 71.28 (3rm), food processing plant and food warehouse investment credit under s. 71.28 (3rn), enterprise zone jobs credit under s. 71.28 (3w), business development credit under s. 71.28 (3y), film production services credit under s. 71.28 (5f), film production company investment credit under s. 71.28 (5h), beginning farmer and farm asset owner tax credit under s. 71.28 (8r), and estimated tax payments under s. 71.29.

**SECTION 17.** 71.34 (1k) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.34 (**1k**) (g) An addition shall be made for credits computed by a tax-option corporation under s. 71.28 (1dd), (1de), (1di), (1dj), (1dL), (1dm), (1ds), (1dx), (1dy), (3), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3g), (3r), (3rn), (3rn), (3t), (3w), (3y), (4), (5), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5r), (5rm), (6n), and (8r) and passed through to shareholders.

**SECTION 18.** 71.45 (2) (a) 10. of the statutes is amended to read:

71.45 (2) (a) 10. By adding to federal taxable income the amount of credit computed under s. 71.47 (1dd) to (1dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn), (3w), (3y), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5r), (5rm), (6n), (8r), and (9s) and not passed through by a partnership, limited liability company, or tax-option corporation that has added that amount to the partnership's, limited liability

1	company's, or tax–option corporation's income under s. $71.21(4)$ or $71.34(1k)(g)$ and
2	the amount of credit computed under s. 71.47 (1), (3), (3t), (4), (4m), and (5).
3	SECTION 19. 71.47 (1dy) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
4	71.47 (1dy) (b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations under this subsection
5	and ss. 238.301 to 238.306 or s. 560.701 to 560.706, 2009 stats., for taxable years
6	beginning after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2016, a claimant may
7	claim as a credit against the tax imposed under s. 71.43, up to the amount of the tax,
8	the amount authorized for the claimant under s. 238.303 or s. 560.703, 2009 stats.
9	SECTION 20. 71.47 (1dy) (d) 4. of the statutes is created to read:
10	71.47 (1dy) (d) 4. No credit may be claimed under this subsection for taxable
11	years beginning after December 31, 2015. Credits under this subsection for taxable
12	years that begin before January 1, 2016, may be carried forward to taxable years that
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  - 2. The amount of wages that the claimant paid to an employee in an eligible position in the taxable year, not to exceed 5 percent of such wages, if the employee is employed in an eligible position at the claimant's business in an economically distressed area, as determined by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
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76.637 (5) Sunset. No credit may be claimed under this section for taxable

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238.15 (3) (d) Rules Administration. (intro.) The corporation, in consultation with the department of revenue, shall adopt rules establish policies and procedures to administer this section. The rules and shall further define "bona fide angel investment" for purposes of s. 71.07 (5d) (a) 1. The rules shall limit the aggregate amount of tax credits under s. 71.07 (5d) that may be claimed for investments in businesses certified under sub. (1) at \$3,000,000 per calendar year for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2004, and before January 1, 2008, \$5,500,000 per calendar year for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2007, and before January 1, 2010, \$6,500,000 for calendar year 2010, and \$20,000,000 per calendar year for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2010, plus, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010, an additional \$250,000 for tax credits that may be claimed for investments in nanotechnology businesses certified under sub. (1). The rules shall also limit the aggregate amount and of the tax credits under ss. 71.07 (5b), 71.28 (5b), 71.47 (5b), and 76.638 that may be claimed for investments paid to fund managers certified under sub. (2) at \$3,500,000 per calendar year for calendar vears beginning after December 31, 2004, and before January 1, 2008, \$6,000,000 per

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**SECTION 28.** 238.16 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

238.16 (4) (c) Subject to a reallocation by the corporation pursuant to rules adopted under s. 238.15 (3) (d), the corporation may allocate up to \$5,000,000 in tax benefits under this section in any calendar year, except that beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2015, the corporation may allocate up to \$10,000,000 in tax benefits under this section in any calendar year.

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238.16 (6) SUNSET. The corporation may not award any tax benefits under this section after June 30, 2015.

1	Section 30. 238.30 (7) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
2	238.30 (7) (e) In s. 238.308, "tax benefits" means the business development tax
3	credit under ss. 71.07 (3y), 71.28 (3y), and 71.47 (3y).
4	SECTION 31. 238.303 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
5	238.303 (1) (a) Except as provided in pars. (am) and (b), and subject to a
6	reallocation by the corporation pursuant to rules adopted under s. 238.15 (3) (d), the
7	total tax benefits available to be allocated by the corporation under ss. 238.301 to
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16	238.308 Business development tax credit. (1) Definition. In this section,
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18	(2) CERTIFICATION. (a) The corporation may certify a person to receive tax
19	benefits under this section if all of the following apply:

1. The person is operating or intends to operate a business in this state.

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2.	The	person	applies	under	this	section	and	enters	into	a contract	with	the
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- (b) The certification of a person under par. (a) may remain in effect for no more than 10 cumulative years.
- (3) ELIGIBILITY FOR TAX BENEFITS. A person is eligible to receive tax benefits if, in each year for which the person claims tax benefits under this section, the person increases net employment in this state in the person's business above the net employment in this state in the person's business during the year before the person was certified under sub. (2), as determined by the corporation under its policies and procedures.

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- (4) AWARDS, LIMITS, EXPIRATION. (a) The corporation may award all of the following tax benefits to a person certified under sub. (2):
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- 3. An amount equal to up to 50 percent of the person's training costs incurred to undertake activities to enhance an employee's general knowledge, employability, and flexibility in the workplace; to develop skills unique to the person's workplace or equipment; or to develop skills that will increase the quality of the person's product.

by an agreement under sub. (2) (b).

1	4. An amount equal to up to 3 percent of the person's personal property
2	investment and 5 percent of the person's real property investment in a capital
3	investment project, if the project will result in the location or retention of a person's
4)	corporate headquarters in Wisconsin or if the project involves a total capital
5	investment of at least \$1,000,000 or, if less than \$1,000,000, the project involves a
6	capital investment that is equal to at least \$10,000 per employee employed on the
7	project.
8	5. An amount, as determined by the corporation, equal to a percentage of the
9	amount of wages that the person paid to an employee in an eligible position in a
10	taxable year, if the eligible position was created or retained in connection with the
11	person's location or retention of the person's corporate headquarters in Wisconsin
12	and the job duties associated with the eligible position involve the performance of
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19	(b) The corporation shall notify the department of revenue within 30 days of
20	revoking a certification made under sub. (2).
21	(c) The corporation may require a person to repay any tax benefits the person
22	claims for a year in which the person failed to maintain an eligible position required

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2	under ss. 71.07 (3y), 71.28 (3y), and 71.47 (3y) that a certified business may claim and
3	shall notify the department of revenue of this amount.
4	(e) The corporation shall annually verify the information submitted to the
5	corporation by the person claiming tax benefits under ss. 71.07 (3y), 71.28 (3y), and
6	71.47 (3y).
7	(f) The corporation shall adopt policies and procedures for the implementation
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