



State of Wisconsin
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2015 SENATE BILL 402

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 253.065 and 448.78 (4) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 establishment of a dietetic internship program and granting rule-making
3 authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 253.065 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **253.065 Dietetic internship program.** (1) The department shall establish
6 a dietetic internship program with federal moneys from the special supplemental
7 food program for women, infants, and children authorized under 42 USC 1786. If the
8 department determines that it may not implement or fund the program without a
9 federal waiver, the department shall, no later than 6 months after the effective date
10 of this subsection [LRB inserts date], request a waiver from the secretary of the

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1 federal department of agriculture. The department shall implement the program
2 unless the federal department of agriculture disapproves the waiver request or the
3 department is prohibited from using federal moneys to establish the program.

4 (2) Subject to sub. (8), the department, through the supplemental food program
5 for women, infants, and children under s. 253.06, may sponsor the number of interns
6 per year determined by the department, beginning with a first class of interns in
7 September 2017.

8 (3) Unless the department grants an exception, in order to be eligible for the
9 internship program under sub. (1), an applicant must, at the time of his or her
10 selection, be employed as a nutritionist for the supplemental food program for
11 women, infants, and children under s. 253.06 by either the department or a local
12 agency and have met the educational requirements under s. 448.78 (3).

13 (4) The department or local agency shall continue to pay an employee who
14 participates in the internship program his or her salary for noninternship-related
15 work hours from the supplemental food program for women, infants, and children
16 under s. 253.06 (2). The department or local agency may pay an employee who
17 participates in the internship program his or her salary for internship-related work
18 hours from the supplemental food program for women, infants, and children under
19 s. 253.06 (2) as funded from the federal special supplemental food program for
20 women, infants, and children authorized under 42 USC 1786.

21 (5) The department shall issue to each individual who successfully completes
22 the dietetic internship program under this section a certificate of completion that the
23 individual may submit as verification of the completion of more than 900 hours of
24 qualifying dietetics practice under s. 448.78 (4). The dietitians affiliated

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1 credentialing board shall accept certificates of completion issued under this
2 subsection as satisfactory evidence under s. 448.78 (4).

3 (6) Each participant in the internship program shall agree to work at least 24
4 months for the department or a local agency as part of the supplemental food
5 program for women, infants, and children under s. 253.06 upon successful
6 completion of his or her internship. If the participant voluntarily terminates his or
7 her employment with the supplemental food program for women, infants, and
8 children before completing his or her obligated time under this subsection, or fails
9 to take the dietetic registration examination within one year of internship
10 completion, the participant must reimburse the department or a local agency for any
11 incurred costs associated with his or her participation in the internship, including
12 any income paid for internship-related work.

13 (7) (a) The department may promulgate rules necessary for administration of
14 this section.

15 (b) For the internship program under this section, the department shall
16 promulgate rules to establish all of the following:

17 1. Training criteria and program completion standards consistent with the
18 accreditation standards required by the Accreditation Council for Education in
19 Nutrition and Dietetics.

20 2. Application procedures.

21 3. In addition to the requirement under sub. (3), criteria and requirements for
22 intern selection.

23 4. Procedures for administration of the program by the supplemental food
24 program for women, infants, and children.

