
AN ACT to create 20.292 (1) (fc) and 38.04 (34) of the statutes; relating to: grants to technical college students for apprenticeship expenses and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a grant program under which the Technical College System Board may award grants of up to $1,000 to technical college students who have undertaken an apprenticeship program in conjunction with their course of instruction at the technical college. These grants may be awarded only to assist students in paying materials expenses associated with the apprenticeship program, including costs of purchasing tools, clothing, equipment, and supplies. The TCS Board must establish an application process and criteria for awarding these grants, which criteria must consider the financial need and anticipated or actual expenses of the applicant. The TCS Board may award grants totaling up to $100,000 per academic 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:

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

(1) TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

(f) Student apprenticeship grants GPR A 100,000 100,000

SECTION 2. 20.292 (1) (fc) of the statutes is created to read:

20.292 (1) (fc) Student apprenticeship grants. The amounts in the schedule for grants to technical college students under s. 38.04 (34).

SECTION 3. 38.04 (34) of the statutes is created to read:

38.04 (34) STUDENT APPRENTICESHIP GRANTS. (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.292 (1) (fc), the board shall award grants to students enrolled in technical colleges who have undertaken an apprenticeship program, as defined in s. 106.001 (4), in conjunction with their course of instruction at the technical college. Grants may be awarded under this subsection only to assist students in paying materials expenses associated with the apprenticeship program, including costs of purchasing tools, clothing, equipment, and supplies.

(b) The board shall establish an application process and criteria for awarding grants under this subsection, which criteria shall consider the financial need and anticipated or actual expenses of the applicant. Grants awarded under this subsection may not exceed $1,000 per student. The board may not award grants under this subsection totaling more than $100,000 in any academic year.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2019 biennial budget act, whichever is later.