AN ACT to create 71.05 (6) (a) 30. and 71.05 (6) (b) 54. of the statutes; relating to: creating an individual income tax subtraction for tuition paid for apprenticeship programs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows an individual, when calculating income for state income tax purposes, to subtract the tuition expenses paid by the individual for the individual or the individual’s dependent to participate in an apprenticeship program that is approved by the Department of Workforce Development. The deduction first applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

Because this bill relates to an exemption from state or local taxes, it may be referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions for a report to be printed as an appendix to the bill.

For further information see the state 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. 71.05 (6) (a) 30. of the statutes is created to read:
71.05 (6) (a) 30. Any amount for which a subtraction is claimed under par. (b) 54. to the extent that the amount was not used for tuition or was refunded or otherwise returned to the taxpayer.

**SECTION 2.** 71.05 (6) (b) 54. of the statutes is created to read:

71.05 (6) (b) 54. a. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020, and subject to the definition and limitations in subd. 54. b. to d., tuition expenses that are paid in the taxable year by an individual for the individual or the individual's dependent, as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code, to participate in an apprenticeship program.

b. In this subdivision, “apprenticeship program” has the meaning given in s. 106.001 (4).

c. No subtraction may be made under this subdivision for an amount paid for an apprenticeship program if the source of the payment is an amount withdrawn from a college savings account, as described in s. 224.50, or from a college tuition and expenses program, as described in s. 224.48.

d. The subtraction that may be claimed under this subdivision for an amount paid for an apprenticeship program is reduced by the amount paid for an apprenticeship program that is being claimed as a modification for tuition expenses or mandatory student fees under subd. 28.

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