



State of Wisconsin
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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 471**

February 22, 2000 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.143 (1) (c); and **to create** 560.155 of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** providing grants to small businesses for training employes and making an
3 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.143 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9,
5 is amended to read:
6 20.143 (1) (c) *Wisconsin development fund; grants, loans, reimbursements and*
7 *assistance.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for grants under ss. 560.145,
8 560.155, 560.16, 560.175, 560.26; for grants and loans under ss. 560.62, 560.63 and
9 560.66; for loans under s. 560.147; for reimbursements under s. 560.167; for
10 providing assistance under s. 560.06; for the costs specified in s. 560.607; for the loan
11 under 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, section 9110 (4); and for the grants under 1995

1 Wisconsin Act 27, section 9116 (7gg), 1995 Wisconsin Act 119, section 2 (1), 1997
2 Wisconsin Act 27, section 9110 (6g), and 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, section 9110 (5). Of
3 the amounts in the schedule, \$50,000 shall be allocated in each of fiscal years
4 1997–98 and 1998–99 for providing the assistance under s. 560.06 (1).
5 Notwithstanding s. 560.607, of the amounts in the schedule, \$125,000 shall be
6 allocated in each of 4 consecutive fiscal years, beginning with fiscal year 1998–99,
7 for grants and loans under s. 560.62 (1) (a).

8 **SECTION 2.** 560.155 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **560.155 Business employes' skills training grant program.** (1) Subject
10 to sub. (2), from the appropriation under s. 20.143 (1) (c), the department may award
11 a grant to a business if all of the following apply:

12 (a) The business is located in this state and satisfies any of the following
13 criteria:

14 1. The business has no more than 25 full-time employes.

15 2. The business had no more than \$2,500,000 in gross annual income in the
16 year preceding the year in which the business receives the grant.

17 (b) The business has been in compliance with s. 77.58 for at least 6 months
18 before applying for the grant.

19 (c) The business agrees in writing to use the grant only to provide skills training
20 or other education related to the needs of the business to current or prospective
21 employes of the business.

22 (d) The business agrees in writing to comply with sub. (2) (d).

23 (e) The business submits a plan to the department detailing the proposed use
24 of the grant, and the secretary approves the plan.

1 (f) The business enters into a written agreement with the department that
2 specifies the conditions for the use of the grant, including reporting and auditing
3 requirements.

4 (g) The business agrees in writing to submit to the department the report
5 required under sub. (3) by the time required under sub. (3).

6 **(2)** (a) The department may not award a business more than \$10,000 in grants
7 under this section.

8 (b) In awarding grants under this section, the department shall give preference
9 to all of the following:

10 1. Businesses in industries with especially severe labor shortages.

11 2. Businesses in industries that the department determines are especially
12 adversely affected by any federal requirements or policies.

13 3. Businesses that conduct economic activity in areas designated as
14 development zones under s. 560.71 or that conduct projects in areas designated as
15 enterprise development zones under s. 560.797.

16 (c) The department may not award more than \$500,000 in grants under this
17 section in fiscal year 2000-01.

18 (d) 1. A grant under this section may not be used to pay more than 80% of the
19 cost of any skills training or other education related to the needs of the recipient
20 business that is provided to the owner of the business, the owner's spouse or a child
21 of the owner.

22 2. A grant under this section may not be used to pay wages or compensate for
23 lost revenue, if any, in connection with providing the training or other education, or
24 otherwise.

