



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kirschbaum, BB0301 - Addition of apprentices to Fast Forward grants

FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EMPLOYMENT

Under current law, DWD awards workforce training grants, commonly referred to as "Fast Forward grants," to public and private organizations for the training of unemployed and underemployed workers and of incumbent employees of businesses in this state. This bill permits an organization that is awarded a Fast Forward grant to use the grant for the hiring and training of apprentices in this state.

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. 106.27 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

106.27 (1) WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS. From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (b), the department shall award grants to public and private organizations

for the development and implementation of workforce training programs. An organization that is awarded a grant under this subsection may use the grant for the training of unemployed and underemployed workers and incumbent employees of businesses in this state and for the hiring and training of apprentices in this state. As a condition of receiving a grant under this subsection, the department may require a public or private organization to provide matching funds at a percentage to be determined by the department.

SECTION 2. 106.27 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

106.27 (3) ANNUAL REPORT. Annually, by December 31, the department shall submit a report to the governor and the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance providing an account of the department's activities and expenditures under this section during the preceding fiscal year. The report shall include information on the number of unemployed and underemployed workers ~~and~~, incumbent employees, and apprentices who participate in training programs under sub. (1); the number of unemployed workers who obtain gainful employment, underemployed workers who obtain new employment, ~~and~~ incumbent employees who receive increased compensation, and apprentices who obtain gainful employment or new employment or who receive increased compensation after participating in such a training program; and the wages earned by those workers ~~and~~, employees, and apprentices both before and after participating in such a training program. The report shall also include information on the extent to which waiting lists for enrollment in courses and programs provided by technical colleges in high-demand fields are reduced as a result of grants under sub. (1g) (a), on the number of high school pupils who participate in certification programs under sub. (1g) (b), and on the

number of persons with disabilities who participate in employment enhancement activities under sub. (1g) (c).

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