



State of Wisconsin  
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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**FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EMPLOYMENT**

Current law places various conditions upon the receipt of unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, including that claimants conduct a reasonable search for suitable work and that claimants accept suitable work when offered. Current law does not define suitable work, but DWD has defined it by rule to mean work that is reasonable considering the claimant's training, experience, and duration of unemployment as well as the availability of jobs in the labor market.

This bill specifically requires DWD to define by rule what constitutes suitable work for claimants, and requires that the rule specify different levels of suitable work based upon the number of weeks that a claimant has received benefits in a given benefit year.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** 108.02 (24g) of the statutes is created to read:

108.02 **(24g)** SUITABLE WORK. “Suitable work” has the meaning specified by the department by rule under s. 108.14 (27).

**SECTION 2.** 108.14 (27) of the statutes is created to read:

108.14 **(27)** The department shall promulgate a rule to define what constitutes suitable work for claimants, which shall specify different levels of suitable work based upon the number of weeks that a claimant has received benefits in a given benefit year.

**SECTION 3.** 108.141 (3g) (a) 3. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

108.141 **(3g)** (a) 3. (intro.) ~~Work~~ Notwithstanding s. 108.02 (24g), work is suitable within the meaning of subd. 2. if:

**(END)**