



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kirschbaum, BB0390 - Workforce development board pandemic recovery grants

**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EMPLOYMENT**

***Pandemic recovery grants***

This bill requires DWD to establish and operate a program to provide grants to local workforce development boards to fund pandemic recovery efforts to emphasize training, skill development, and economic recovery for individuals and businesses. The grants may be used for virtual and in-person job training, employment navigators or coaches, skill assessment, transportation, soft skill development, career or talent search services, and other programs to return employees to the labor market.

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.** 20.445 (1) (bw) of the statutes is created to read:

20.445 (1) (bw) *Pandemic recovery grants.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for pandemic recovery grants under s. 106.29.

\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 106.29 of the statutes is created to read:

**106.29 Pandemic recovery grants. (1)** In this section, “pandemic” means the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic.

**(2)** The department shall, from the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (bw), establish and operate a program to provide grants to local workforce development boards established under [29 USC 3122](#) to fund pandemic recovery efforts. The grants shall emphasize training, skill development, and economic recovery for individuals and businesses. The grants may be used for virtual and in-person job training, employment navigators or coaches, skill assessment, transportation, soft skill development, career or talent search services, and other programs to return employees to the labor market.

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