



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kirschbaum, BB0535 - Fast Forward pandemic workforce training grants

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EMPLOYMENT

Pandemic workforce training program grants

This bill creates a pandemic workforce training program to be administered by DWD. Under the program, DWD is required to award grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of pandemic workforce training programs. 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. The bill also permits DWD to require a public or private organization, as a condition of receiving a grant, to provide matching funds at a percentage to be determined by DWD.

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

20.445 (1) (bq) *Pandemic workforce training program; grants.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for pandemic workforce training program grants under s. 106.27 (1q).

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

SECTION 2. 106.27 (1q) of the statutes is created to read:

106.27 (1q) PANDEMIC WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM. From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (bq), the department shall award grants to public or private organizations for the development and implementation of pandemic workforce training programs that 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. 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.

(END)