



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Humphry, BB0322 - Registered Apprenticeship Expansion for Youth-to-Registered Apprenticeship Bridging

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EMPLOYMENT

Youth to registered apprentice grant program

This bill requires DWD to develop and administer a grant program to award grants to local youth apprenticeship consortia to encourage individuals who are enrolled in youth apprenticeship programs to continue their careers in registered apprenticeship programs. The bill limits grants to no more than \$350,000 in any fiscal year.

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) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

20.445 (1) (em) *Youth-to-registered apprenticeship grant program.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for youth-to-registered apprenticeship grants under s. 106.135.

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

SECTION 2. 106.135 of the statutes is created to read:

106.135 Youth-to-registered apprenticeship grant program. (1)

DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) "Apprenticeship program" has the meaning given in s. 106.001 (4).

(b) "Youth apprenticeship program" means the program under s. 106.13 (1).

BILL**SECTION 2**

(2) GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The department shall develop and administer a program to award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (em) to youth apprenticeship consortia to provide incentives to individuals to transition from participating in the youth apprenticeship program to participating in an apprenticeship program. The department may not award more than \$350,000 in grants under this subsection in any fiscal year.

(b) Youth apprenticeship consortia that may receive a grant under this section shall be partnerships between one or more school districts or between one or more school districts and at least one of the following:

1. A community-based organization.
2. A cooperative educational service agency.
3. Employers.
4. Colleges in the technical college system.
5. Labor unions.
6. Chambers of commerce.
7. Local workforce development boards.
8. Other public agencies.
9. Other contributing individuals.

(3) RULES. The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

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