



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 228

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, as affected by the 2005-07 Biennial Budget Act, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) awards grants to local partnerships to implement and coordinate local youth apprenticeship programs in which employers provide on-the-job training and supervision for participating students. \$1,100,000 in general purpose revenues (GPR) is appropriated annually for these grants.

Assembly Bill 228 would provide additional funding of \$1,400,000 GPR in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 for local youth apprenticeship grants. The additional funding would have to be used for youth apprenticeship programs targeted at providing training and state-required exit testing in the areas of health care and health care technology. The bill requires that eligibility criteria for the grants be established and that the criteria ensure that those grants are distributed throughout all geographic areas of the state in both urban and rural communities. Under the bill, the Governor's Work-Based Learning Board would have been required to establish the criteria and provide the youth apprenticeship programs. However, the board was eliminated in the Budget Act and DWD retained the youth apprenticeship and local youth apprenticeship grant programs, including the annual grant funding of \$1,100,000.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 replaces the bill's references to the board with references to DWD. It also utilizes the current DWD training grant appropriation (rather than the former board's appropriation used in the bill) and places the additional funding called for in the substitute amendment in that DWD appropriation. Finally, the substitute amendment provides the \$1,400,000 in increased funding only for fiscal year 2006-07, as the grants for 2005-06 have already been awarded and the current school year is well underway.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Workforce Development held a public hearing on the bill on November 17, 2005 and, in executive session on January 1, 2006, recommended passage of the bill on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0. On February 14, 2006, the Joint Committee on Finance adopted Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 3, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by the same vote.

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