



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 129

Senate Amendment 1

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Senate Bill 129 transfers administration of the Business Employees' Skills Training (BEST) grant program from the Department of Commerce to the Technical College System Board, raises from \$10,000 to \$20,000 the maximum in grants that the Board may award a business under the program, and makes several other changes to the program. In particular, under *current law*, a business eligible for a grant under the program must either employ no more than **25** full-time employees, or must have had no more than \$2,500,000 in gross annual income in the year preceding the year in which the business receives the grant. Under *Senate Bill 129*, an eligible business must either employ no more than **100** full-time employees, or must have had no more than \$2,500,000 in gross annual income in the year preceding the year in which the business receives the grant.

Senate Amendment 1 makes two changes to this requirement, as reflected in the bolded numbers in the following two bullets, so that an eligible business either:

- Must employ no more than **50** full-time employees, or
- Must have had no more than **\$5,000,000** in gross annual income in the year preceding the year in which the business receives the grant.

Legislative History

On April 5, 2005, the Joint Committee on Finance introduced Senate Amendment 1 and recommended adoption of the amendment, both on votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill as amended on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 6.

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