



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 331	Senate Amendments 1 and 2
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2013 Senate Bill 331

2013 Senate Bill 331 (“the bill”) creates a career and technical education incentive grant program. The bill appropriates \$3 million general purpose revenue (GPR) in fiscal year 2013-14 for the program. Under the bill, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to do the following:

- Confer with the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) on an annual basis to identify industries and occupations that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained entry-level workers.
- Notify school districts of the identified industries and occupations and make this information available on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) website.
- Approve industry-recognized certification programs that satisfy all of the following:
 - The program is designed to mitigate workforce shortages in any industry or occupation identified by the State Superintendent, DWD and WTCS, as described above.
 - The program is a component of a school district’s technical education program as provided under s. 118.33 (1) (g) 1. c. and 2., Stats. (the technical education high school diploma program). Current law allows, but does not require, high schools to offer a technical education high school diploma.
- Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, award incentive grants of \$1,000¹ to school districts for each pupil in the school district who, in the prior year, obtained a high school diploma or technical education high school diploma from a school in the district, if all of the following apply:

¹ The bill provides that if the appropriation in any fiscal year is insufficient to pay the full amount, then DPI must prorate the amount of its payments among school districts eligible for an incentive grant.

- The school district has an industry-recognized certification program approved by the State Superintendent.
- The pupil successfully completed the industry-recognized certification program.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 removes the requirement that the industry-recognized certification program approved by the State Superintendent must be a component of a school district's technical education high school diploma under s. 118.33 (1) (g) 1. c. and 2., Stats.

Senate Amendment 2

Senate Amendment 2 allows incentive grants to be awarded to a district for a pupil who graduates and has completed an approved industry-recognized certification program in any school year in which the program was approved by DPI.

Bill History

Senate Amendments 1 and 2 were offered by Senator Gudex. On October 11, 2013, the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Local Government recommended adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2 and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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