



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Senate Bill 682**

**Senate Amendments 1 and 2**

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### **2017 SENATE BILL 682**

Senate Bill 682 requires the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board to award grants to students enrolled in technical colleges who have undertaken an apprenticeship program in conjunction with their course of instruction at the technical college. The grants may be awarded only to assist students in paying for materials expenses associated with the apprentice training program, including costs of purchasing tools, clothing, equipment and supplies. The bill requires the Board to establish an application process and criteria for awarding grants, which must consider the financial need and anticipated or actual expenses of the applicant. A grant may not exceed \$1,000 per student and the Board may not award grants totaling more than \$50,000 in any academic year. The bill provides an appropriation to the WTCS in the amount of \$50,000 general purpose revenue (GPR) in academic years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 increases the appropriation to the WTCS from \$50,000 GPR in 2017-18 and 2018-19, to \$100,000 GPR in 2017-18 and 2018-19.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 2**

Senate Amendment 2 removes the term “apprentice training program” and instead uses the term “apprenticeship program” as defined under s. 106.001 (4), Stats. Under s. 106.001 (4), Stats., “apprenticeship program” generally means a program approved by the Department of Workforce Development for the employment and training of apprentices in a trade, craft, or business that includes a plan containing all of the terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices as required under ch. 106, Stats.

**BILL HISTORY**

Senate Bill 682 was introduced on January 4, 2018, by Senator Testin and others. On February 1, 2018, Senator Testin offered Senate Amendments 1 and 2. On February 8, 2018, the Senate Committee on Workforce Development, Military Affairs and Senior Issues recommended adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2 and passage of Senate Bill 682, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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