

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



2013 SENATE BILL 44

February 28, 2013 – Introduced by Senators Lassa, Shilling, Lehman, C. Larson, Miller, Jauch and Vinehout, cosponsored by Representatives Doyle, Barca, Danou, Krug, Jorgensen, Hulsey, Hebl, Bernard Schaber, Berceau, Kahl, Milroy, Richards, Kolste, Ringhand, Ohnstad and Johnson. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

AN ACT to amend 38.28 (1m) (a) 1.; and to create 20.292 (1) (aj) and 38.39 of the statutes; relating to: workforce growth grants to technical college districts and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows a technical college district board to obtain grants from the Technical College System Board for the purpose of partnering with a business, consortium of businesses, economic development organization, or local workforce development board in a project to help meet local needs for supporting economic sectors with a documented skills gap or high workforce shortage, including manufacturing, energy, information technology, skilled trades, and health care. A project may provide for activities that address development of individuals prior to entering the workforce and workforce training, including any of the following: 1) job training scholarships based on local labor market needs; 2) building or infrastructure construction; 3) equipment and material purchases; 4) faculty hiring; 5) development of certain curricula; or 6) student career support services, including job placement and business recruitment. The bill directs the Technical College System Board to award grants to technical college districts that apply to the board to fund the costs of such projects. In awarding the grants, the bill requires the Technical College System Board to consider the speed by which the activities specified in applications could meet training and employment needs and give a preference to projects that seek to eliminate waiting lists for courses pertaining to jobs with high employment demand.

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For further information see the *state and local* 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. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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20.292 Technical college system board

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- **SECTION 2.** 20.292 (1) (aj) of the statutes is created to read:
- 8 20.292 (1) (aj) Workforce growth program. The amounts in the schedule for grants to technical college districts under s. 38.39.
- **Section 3.** 38.28 (1m) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
 - 38.28 (1m) (a) 1. "District aidable cost" means the annual cost of operating a technical college district, including debt service charges for district bonds and promissory notes for building programs or capital equipment, but excluding all expenditures relating to auxiliary enterprises and community service programs, all expenditures funded by or reimbursed with federal revenues, all receipts under sub. (6) and ss. 38.12 (9), 38.14 (3) and (9), 38.39, 118.15 (2) (a), and 118.55 (7r), all receipts from grants awarded under ss. 38.04 (8), (20), (28), and (31), 38.14 (11), 38.26, 38.27, 38.33, and 38.38, all fees collected under s. 38.24, and driver education and chauffeur training aids.
 - **Section 4.** 38.39 of the statutes is created to read:

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- 38.39 Workforce growth program. (1) A district board may obtain grants under sub. (2) for the purpose of partnering with a business, consortium of businesses, local workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832, or economic development organization, that is located or provides service in the district, in a project to help meet local needs for supporting sectors of the economy with a documented skills gap or high workforce shortage, which could include manufacturing, energy, information technology, skilled trades, and health care. A project may provide for activities that address development of individuals prior to entering the workforce and workforce training, which could include one or more of the following:
 - (a) Job training scholarships based on local labor market needs.
 - (b) Building or infrastructure construction.
 - (c) Equipment and material purchases.
 - (d) Faculty hiring.
- (e) Development in partnership with industry of curricula, based on industry standards, that lead to certificates or degrees.
- (f) Student career support services, including job placement and business recruitment.
- (2) From the appropriation under s. 20.292 (1) (aj), the board shall award grants to district boards that apply to the board to fund the costs of projects under sub. (1). The board shall consider the speed by which the activities specified in applications could meet training and employment needs and give a preference in awarding the grants to projects that seek to eliminate waiting lists for courses pertaining to jobs with high employment demand.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

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(1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2013–15 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

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