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2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 575

February 17, 2012 - Introduced by Representatives MOLEPSKE JR, BEWLEY, CLARK, FIELDS, GRIGSBY, PASCH, POCAN, RINGHAND, STASKUNAS, TURNER, E. COGGS, KRUG, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER and DOYLE, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN, HOLPERIN, KING and C. LARSON. Referred to Committee on Jobs, Economy and Small Business.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 24.61 (3) (a) 3. and 38.28 (1m) (a) 1.; and *to create* 38.14 (15)
2 and 238.27 of the statutes; **relating to:** directing the Wisconsin Economic
3 Development Corporation to develop a workforce training program and
4 authorizing a technical college district board to obtain a state trust fund loan
5 to provide workforce training.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to develop and implement a program to identify businesses that require workforce training in order to begin or expand operations in this state. WEDC must also determine whether the district board of the technical college district in which an identified business is or will be located is able to provide the needed workforce training at no cost to the business for a specified period.

The bill authorizes a technical college district board to obtain a state trust fund loan for the purpose of providing the workforce training described above and authorizes WEDC to repay the loan on behalf of the technical college district. The training may occur at a district facility or at the business.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 24.61 (3) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 24.61 (3) (a) 3. A technical college district as provided under s. 38.14 (15) or
3 67.04 or otherwise authorized by law.

4 **SECTION 2.** 38.14 (15) of the statutes is created to read:

5 38.14 (15) WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM; LOANS. The district board may obtain
6 a state trust fund loan under subch. II of ch. 24 to provide workforce training to a
7 business identified under s. 238.27 (1) at no cost to the business. If a district board
8 obtains such a loan, it may enter into an agreement with the board of directors of the
9 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation in which the corporation agrees to
10 pay the interest on and principal of the loan.

11 **SECTION 3.** 38.28 (1m) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 38.28 (1m) (a) 1. "District aidable cost" means the annual cost of operating a
13 technical college district, including debt service charges for district bonds and
14 promissory notes for building programs or capital equipment, but excluding all
15 expenditures relating to auxiliary enterprises and community service programs, all
16 expenditures funded by or reimbursed with federal revenues, all receipts under sub.
17 (6) and ss. 38.12 (9), 38.14 (3) ~~and~~, (9), and (15), 118.15 (2) (a), and 118.55 (7r), all
18 receipts from grants awarded under ss. 38.04 (8), (20), (28), and (31), 38.14 (11),
19 38.26, 38.27, 38.33, and 38.38, all fees collected under s. 38.24, and driver education
20 and chauffeur training aids.

21 **SECTION 4.** 238.27 of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **238.27 Workforce training program. (1)** The corporation shall develop and
2 implement a program to identify businesses that require workforce training in order
3 to begin or expand operations in this state and to determine whether the technical
4 college district board of the technical college district in which an identified business
5 is or will be located is able to provide the needed workforce training at no cost to the
6 business for a specified period.

7 **(2)** If the corporation determines that the technical college district board of the
8 technical college district in which a business identified under sub. (1) is located is
9 able to provide the needed workforce training, as described under sub. (1), the
10 corporation shall enter into an agreement with the technical college district board
11 to repay a loan that is obtained by the technical college district board under s. 38.14
12 (15). The corporation may make payments under an agreement entered into under
13 this subsection from the appropriations under s. 20.192 (1) (a), (k), and (r).

14 **(END)**