



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 399

October 1, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives PETRYK, STONE, BORN, SCHRAA, JAGLER, MARKLEIN, BALLWEG, KRUG, KESTELL, KLEEFISCH, NASS, T. LARSON, WEATHERSTON, NYGREN, TAUCHEN, LEMAHIEU, PRIDEMORE, TRANEL, LOUDENBECK, BIES, ENDSLEY and A. OTT, cosponsored by Senators GUDEx, GROTHMAN, DARLING, LEHMAN, LEIBHAM, SCHULTZ, LASSA and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.255 (2) (ct) and 115.367 of the statutes; **relating to:** career
2 and technical education incentive grants and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill establishes a grant program to promote career and technical education programs in school districts that operate high school grades. Under the bill, the Department of Public Instruction (department) must annually confer with the Department of Workforce Development and the Wisconsin Technical College System to identify industries and occupations that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained, entry-level workers. The bill requires the department to approve industry-recognized certification programs that will address the workforce shortages in the identified industries and occupations. The bill also requires the department to award grants of \$1,000 per pupil to school districts for each pupil in the school district who completes an approved, industry-recognized certification program and who graduates from a high school in the school district. The bill allocates \$3 million to the grant program, and grants will become available beginning in the 2014-15 school year.

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:

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1 (b) The industry-recognized certification program is a component of a school
2 district's technical education program as provided under s. 118.33 (1) (g) 1. c. and 2.

3 **(3)** (a) Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, from the appropriation under s.
4 20.255 (2) (ct), annually award incentive grants to school districts in the amount of
5 \$1,000 per pupil for each pupil in the school district who, in the prior school year,
6 obtained a high school diploma or a technical education high school diploma from a
7 school in the school district, if all of the following apply:

8 1. The school district has an industry-recognized certification program
9 approved under sub. (2).

10 2. The pupil successfully completed the industry-recognized certification
11 program under subd. 1.

12 (b) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ct) in any fiscal year is insufficient
13 to pay the full amount under par. (a), the department shall prorate the amount of its
14 payments among school districts eligible for an incentive grant under this section.

15 **(END)**