



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Humphry, BB0327 - Workforce Innovation Grant Continuation and Expansion

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EMPLOYMENT**

***Workforce innovation grant program***

This bill requires DWD to establish and operate a program to provide grants to regional organizations to design and implement programs to address their region's workforce challenges. The bill also provides that in the 2025-26 fiscal year, the department must allocate \$15,000,000 for grants for workforce development in the area of artificial intelligence and \$25,000,000 for grants for healthcare workforce development.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 20.445 (1) (bw) of the statutes is created to read:

20.445 (1) (bw) *Workforce innovation grants.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for workforce innovation grants under s. 106.29.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 106.29 of the statutes is created to read:

**106.29 Workforce innovation grant program.** (1) WORKFORCE INNOVATION GRANTS. The department shall, from the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (bw), establish and operate a program to provide grants to regional

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organizations to design and implement programs to address their region's workforce challenges.

(2) IMPLEMENTATION. (a) *Duties*. To implement this section, the department shall receive and review applications for grants under sub. (1) and prescribe the form, nature, and extent of the information that must be contained in an application for a grant under sub. (1).

(b) *Powers*. In addition to the duties described in par. (a), the department shall have all other powers necessary and convenient to implement this section, including the power to audit and inspect the records of grant recipients.

**SECTION 9150. Nonstatutory provisions; Workforce Development.**

(1) WORKFORCE INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM. Of the amounts appropriated under s. 20.445 (1) (bw) in the 2025-26 fiscal year, the department shall allocate \$15,000,000 for grants for workforce development in the area of artificial intelligence and \$25,000,000 for grants for healthcare workforce development.

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