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**2023 Wisconsin Act 228**  
[2023 Senate Bill 169]

**Providing Information to  
Employers Regarding  
Hiring Individuals With a  
Conviction Record**

### 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 228

2023 Wisconsin Act 228 requires the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to maintain a toll-free telephone number as a hotline to assist employers who are interested in hiring individuals with a conviction record, and to maintain a website containing information for interested employers. The act requires DWD to make the hotline available during normal work hours and to designate hotline staff to provide employers with information and assistance relating to available incentives and programs under state and federal law for employing individuals with a conviction record, including individuals on work release or other community supervision.

**Effective date:** March 29, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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