



## 2019 SENATE BILL 124

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1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 106.11 and 106.13 (2); and *to create* 106.115 and 106.120 of  
2           the statutes; **relating to:** employment and training activities for homeless  
3           populations, the Council on Workforce Investment, and local workforce  
4           development boards.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), federal funds are allocated to the state and, in turn, to local workforce development areas designated by the governor to provide employment and training activities for job seekers and workers. The WIOA repealed a prior law known as the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), which contained a number of similar provisions. To receive funding under the WIOA, the governor must establish a state workforce development board, which is called under the bill the Council on Workforce Investment. The WIOA also requires the establishment of local workforce development boards. The bill requires the Council on Workforce Investment and local workforce development boards to have at least one member who is a representative of an organization that provides continuum of care services.

This bill requires the state council to identify certain populations for services under its WIOA strategic plans. The populations to be included are 1) homeless

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individuals from ages 18 to 24; 2) certain children placed in out-of-home care; and 3) homeless adults.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 106.11 of the statutes is amended to read:

2           **106.11 Workforce investment programs.** The department shall cooperate  
3 with the federal government in carrying out the purposes of the federal Workforce  
4 ~~Investment Act of 1998, 29 USC 2801 to 2945~~ Innovation and Opportunity Act of  
5 2014, 29 USC 3101 to 3361. In administering the programs authorized by that act  
6 the department shall, in cooperation with other state agencies, the council on  
7 workforce investment established under 29 USC 3111, and with local workforce  
8 development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, establish a statewide  
9 workforce investment system to meet the employment, training, and educational  
10 needs of persons in this state. If a local workforce development board anticipates  
11 that there may be a business closing or mass layoff under s. 109.07 in the area served  
12 by that board, the board may prepare a list of resources available in that area that  
13 provide career planning, job search, job skills training, and other support services for  
14 affected employees, as defined in s. 109.07 (1) (a), including contact information for  
15 those resources, for distribution to those employees under s. 109.07 (1m) (a).

16           **SECTION 2.** 106.115 of the statutes is created to read:

17           **106.115 Council on workforce investment.** (1) The council on workforce  
18 investment established under 29 USC 3111 shall include, in addition to the members  
19 required by federal law, at least one representative of an organization that provides  
20 continuum of care services to individuals who are identified as homeless or at risk  
21 of homelessness.

