

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 13.48 (39) of the statutes; **relating to:** the creation of a matching
2 grant program for the physical expansion of existing teaching institutions related to
3 health care.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill, regarding the creation of a matching grant program for the physical expansion of existing teaching institutions related to health care, was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Health Care Access.

This bill would allow the building commission in the department of administration to award matching grants to existing health care teaching institutions which are state-accredited, offer courses in health care, request grants only for the expansion of physical facilities, and demonstrate the need for expansion of physical facilities. Before approving any state funding commitment under the bill, the building commission would be required to determine that the qualifying institution has secured at least the matching grant amount in additional funding from nonstate sources for the project. The bill would require the department of health services to work with the qualifying institution to determine the need for expansion of the institution.

4 **SECTION 1.** 13.48 (39) of the statutes is created to read:

5 13.48 (39) EXPANSION OF TEACHING INSTITUTIONS RELATED TO HEALTH CARE. (a) The
6 legislature finds and determines that expanding access to state accredited health care teaching
7 institutions would greatly benefit state residents by addressing the increasing shortage of
8 trained health care professionals available to provide care to state residents. It is therefore in
9 the public interest, and it is the public policy of the state, to assist state accredited health care
10 teaching institutions with the expansion of these existing institutions.

11 (b) The building commission may authorize up to [insert amount] in general fund
12 supported borrowing to aid in the expansion of an existing health care teaching institution that

1 is a state accredited institution, offers courses in health care, requests grants only for the
2 expansion of physical facilities, and demonstrates the need for expansion of physical facilities.
3 The department of health services shall work with the qualifying institution to determine the
4 need for expansion of the institution. The state funding commitment shall be in the form of
5 a grant to the qualifying institution. Before approving any state funding commitment under
6 this paragraph, the building commission shall determine that the qualifying institution has
7 secured at least [matching amount or percentage] in additional funding from nonstate sources
8 for the project.

9 (c) If the building commission authorizes a grant to the qualifying institution under par.
10 (b) and if, for any reason, the expansion of the qualifying institution constructed with funds
11 from the grant is not used as a state accredited health care teaching institution, the state shall
12 retain an ownership interest in the physical facility equal to the amount of the state's grant.

13 (END)