

Legislative Council Study Committee Review of Technical College System Funding and Governance

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Wisconsin Chapter

- I. Apprenticeship small, but important
 - a. Part of the technical college mission
 - b. Currently in vogue (but for good reason)
 - c. Basic structure

II. ABC Has a Unique Perspective

- a. ABC Apprenticeship Program (Overview)
 - i. Thousands of graduates, decades old
 - ii. ABC's Current Program
 - 1. 235 employers / 1,000 active apprentices
 - 2. 12 different construction trades
 - 3. 9 Technical College Districts
- b. Challenges of a statewide multi-trade program

III. Recommendations

- a. Apprenticeship is not like other post-secondary education programs
- b. FTE / Credits
- c. System Discussion
 - i. Harmonize administration
 - ii. Apprenticeship not an "afterthought"
- d. We appreciate our partners and challenges