



**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 403**

October 14, 2013 – Offered by Representative NERISON.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 1: delete the material beginning with “a tuition” and ending
3 with “employers,” on line 2 and substitute “an apprenticeship completion award
4 program,”.

5 **2.** Page 2, line 6: delete the material beginning with “Tuition” and ending with
6 “employers” on line 7 and substitute “Apprenticeship completion award program”.

7 **3.** Page 2, line 9: delete the material beginning with “*Tuition*” and ending with
8 “employers” on line 10 and substitute “*Apprenticeship completion award program.*
9 The amounts in the schedule for the apprenticeship completion award program”.

10 **4.** Page 2, line 13: delete the material beginning with that line and ending with
11 page 4, line 23, and substitute:

12 **“106.05 Apprenticeship completion award program. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In
13 this section:

1 (a) "Sponsor" does not include a state agency or local governmental unit.

2 (b) "Tuition costs" means any fee that is charged for an apprentice to participate
3 in related instruction under s. 106.01 (6).

4 **(2) APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION AWARDS.** (a) The department shall administer
5 an apprenticeship completion award program as provided in this section to partially
6 reimburse tuition costs incurred by any of the following:

7 1. An apprentice who has successfully completed part or all of the requirements
8 of his or her apprenticeship program as provided in par. (b) 1. and 2. and who is
9 employed in the trade, occupation, or business in which he or she is being trained
10 under the apprenticeship program.

11 2. The sponsor of an apprentice described in subd. 1.

12 (b) Subject to par. (c) and sub. (3), from the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1)
13 (d), the department shall provide to an apprentice described in par. (a) 1. or the
14 apprentice's sponsor a completion award equal to 25 percent of the cost of tuition
15 incurred by the apprentice or sponsor or \$1,000, whichever is less, as follows:

16 1. The department shall make the first payment of a completion award upon
17 the successful completion of the first year of the apprentice's apprenticeship contract.
18 The amount of the first payment may not exceed \$250.

19 2. The department shall pay the remainder of a completion award upon the
20 successful completion of all requirements of the apprentice's apprenticeship
21 program.

22 (c) The total amount of a completion award that the department may pay to an
23 apprentice and his or her sponsor may not exceed 25 percent of the cost of tuition
24 incurred by the apprentice and sponsor or \$1,000, whichever is less.

1 **(3) LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS.** (a) If the amount of funds to be distributed under
2 sub. (2) exceeds the amount available under s. 20.445 (1) (d), the department may
3 reduce the reimbursement percentage or deny applications for completion awards
4 that would otherwise qualify under sub. (2). In that case, the department shall
5 determine the reimbursement percentage and eligibility on the basis of the dates on
6 which apprentices and sponsors become eligible for completion awards.

7 (b) The department may provide a completion award under sub. (2) to a person
8 who is delinquent in child support or maintenance payments or who owes past
9 support, medical expenses, or birth expenses, as established by appearance of the
10 person's name on the statewide support lien docket under s. 49.854 (2) (b), only if the
11 person provides the department with one of the following:

12 1. A repayment agreement that the person has entered into, that has been
13 accepted by the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5), and that has been
14 kept current for the 6-month period immediately preceding the date of the
15 application for a completion award.

16 2. A statement that the person is not delinquent in child support or
17 maintenance payments and does not owe past support, medical expenses, or birth
18 expenses, signed by a representative or designee of the department of children and
19 families within 7 working days before the date of the application for a completion
20 award.

21 **(4) RULES.** The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.”.

22 **(END)**