



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 281

**Senate
Amendments 1 and 2**

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Senate Bill 281

2005 Senate Bill 281 creates an income and franchise tax credit of 5% of the amount the taxpayer paid in the taxable year to a community rehabilitation program to perform work for the taxpayer's business. The maximum credit per year is \$25,000 for each program for which the taxpayer enters into a contract to perform work. It is not a refundable credit, but unused credits may be carry forward to subsequent taxable years.

The bill defines "community rehabilitation program" as a nonprofit entity, county, municipality, or federal agency that directly provides, or facilitates the provision of, vocational rehabilitation services to individuals who have disabilities to maximize the employment opportunities, including career advancement, of such individuals.

Under the bill, the credit first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year in which the bill takes effect, except that if the bill takes effect after July 31, it first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year following the year in which the bill takes effect.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 changes the date the credit becomes applicable, to taxable years beginning on July 1, 2007.

Senate Amendment 2

Senate Amendment 2 amends the definition of "community rehabilitation program" to include state agencies that provide the vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities.

Legislative History

The Senate Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development, and Consumer Affairs took executive action on the bill on November 29, 2005. Senate Amendments 1 and 2 were each adopted by the committee by a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1; and the bill was recommended for passage, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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