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2015 SENATE BILL 163

May 14, 2015 - Introduced by Senators LASSA, CARPENTER, HARRIS DODD and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives DOYLE, BARCA, GOYKE, SARGENT, POPE, ZAMARRIPA, KOLSTE, JORGENSEN, HEBL, SPREITZER, MILROY, SINICKI, HESSELBEIN, KAHL, MASON, WACHS, SUBECK, BERCEAU, CONSIDINE, OHNSTAD, SHANKLAND, BILLINGS and BOWEN. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 38.28 (1m) (a) 1.; and *to create* 20.292 (1) (aj), 20.292 (1) (fd),
2 20.292 (1) (fh), 20.292 (1) (fj), 38.04 (33), 38.04 (34), 38.04 (35) and 38.39 of the
3 statutes; **relating to:** grants to technical college district boards and technical
4 college faculty, staff, and students and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows a technical college district board (district board) to obtain grants from the Technical College System (TCS) Board for the purpose of partnering with a business, consortium of businesses, economic development organization, or local workforce investment board in a project to help meet local needs for supporting economic sectors with a documented skills gap or high workforce shortage, including manufacturing, energy, information technology, skilled trades, and health care. A project may provide for activities that address development of individuals prior to entering the workforce and workforce training, including any of the following: 1) job training scholarships based on local labor market needs; 2) building or infrastructure construction; 3) equipment and material purchases; 4) faculty hiring; 5) development of certain curricula; or 6) student career support services, including job placement and business recruitment. The bill directs the TCS Board to award grants to district boards that apply to the TCS Board to fund the costs of such projects. In awarding the grants, the bill requires the TCS Board to consider the speed by which the activities specified in applications could meet training and employment needs and give a preference to projects that seek to eliminate waiting lists for courses pertaining to jobs with high employment demand.

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1 20.292 (1) (fd) *Dual enrollment opportunity grants.* The amounts in the
2 schedule for grants to technical college district boards under s. 38.04 (33). No moneys
3 may be encumbered under this paragraph after June 30, 2017.

4 **SECTION 4.** 20.292 (1) (fh) of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.292 (1) (fh) *Innovation grants.* The amounts in the schedule for grants to
6 technical college faculty, staff, and students under s. 38.04 (34).

7 **SECTION 5.** 20.292 (1) (fj) of the statutes is created to read:

8 20.292 (1) (fj) *Veterans success grants.* The amounts in the schedule for grants
9 to technical college district boards under s. 38.04 (35). No moneys may be
10 encumbered under this paragraph after June 30, 2019.

11 **SECTION 6.** 38.04 (33) of the statutes is created to read:

12 38.04 (33) DUAL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY GRANTS. (a) In this subsection, “dual
13 enrollment programs” has the meaning given in s. 38.28 (1m) (am).

14 (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.292 (1) (fd), the board shall award
15 grants to district boards to expand dual enrollment programs or create new dual
16 enrollment programs. No grant may be awarded under this paragraph after June
17 30, 2017.

18 **SECTION 7.** 38.04 (34) of the statutes is created to read:

19 38.04 (34) INNOVATION GRANTS. From the appropriation under s. 20.292 (1) (fh),
20 the board shall award grants to technical college faculty, staff, and students to assist
21 such persons in commercializing and bringing to market innovative technology,
22 products, and processes developed at technical colleges.

23 **SECTION 8.** 38.04 (35) of the statutes is created to read:

24 38.04 (35) VETERANS SUCCESS GRANTS. (a) In this subsection, “veteran” has the
25 meaning given in s. 38.24 (8) (a) 1r.

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1 (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.292 (1) (f), the board shall award grants
2 to district boards to expand existing efforts and implement additional strategies to
3 assist veterans in a successful transition to college and careers. No grants may be
4 awarded under this subsection after June 30, 2019.

5 **SECTION 9.** 38.28 (1m) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 38.28 (1m) (a) 1. "District aidable cost" means the annual cost of operating a
7 technical college district, including debt service charges for district bonds and
8 promissory notes for building programs or capital equipment, but excluding all
9 expenditures relating to auxiliary enterprises and community service programs, all
10 expenditures funded by or reimbursed with federal revenues, all receipts under ss.
11 38.04 (33), (34), and (35), 38.12 (9), 38.14 (3) and (9), 38.39, 118.15 (2) (a), and 118.55
12 (7r), all receipts from grants awarded under ss. 38.04 (8), (28), and (31), 38.14 (11),
13 38.26, 38.27, 38.33, and 38.38, all fees collected under s. 38.24, and driver education
14 and chauffeur training aids.

15 **SECTION 10.** 38.39 of the statutes is created to read:

16 **38.39 Workforce growth program. (1)** A district board may obtain grants
17 under sub. (2) for the purpose of partnering with a business, consortium of
18 businesses, local workforce investment board established under 29 USC 2832, or
19 economic development organization that is located or provides service in the district,
20 in a project to help meet local needs for supporting sectors of the economy with a
21 documented skills gap or high workforce shortage, which could include
22 manufacturing, energy, information technology, skilled trades, and health care. A
23 project may provide for activities that address development of individuals prior to
24 entering the workforce and workforce training, which could include one or more of
25 the following:

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- 1 (a) Job training scholarships based on local labor market needs.
- 2 (b) Building or infrastructure construction.
- 3 (c) Equipment and material purchases.
- 4 (d) Faculty hiring.
- 5 (e) Development in partnership with industry of curricula, based on industry
6 standards, that lead to certificates or degrees.
- 7 (f) Student career support services, including job placement and business
8 recruitment.

9 **(2)** From the appropriation under s. 20.292 (1) (aj), the board shall award
10 grants to district boards that apply to the board to fund the costs of projects under
11 sub. (1). The board shall consider the speed by which the activities specified in
12 applications could meet training and employment needs and give a preference in
13 awarding the grants to projects that seek to eliminate waiting lists for courses
14 pertaining to jobs with high employment demand.

15 **SECTION 11. Effective date.**

16 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after
17 publication of the 2015-17 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

18 (END)