



## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 664

October 29, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives CONSIDINE, SHELTON, CABRERA, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, B. MEYERS, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, SHANKLAND, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators PFAFF, SMITH, ERPENBACH, LARSON and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 20.115 (3) (f) and 93.54 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants for  
2             meat processing facilities, funding for the University of Wisconsin System,  
3             technical colleges, and special education aid, and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to provide grants to universities, colleges, and technical colleges to reimburse the tuition costs of students enrolled in a meat processing program. Each tuition reimbursement covers up to 80 percent of the tuition cost for enrolling in a meat processing program, limited to a maximum reimbursement of \$7,500. The bill provides funding from the general fund for the grant program and authorizes one additional position at DATCP for this purpose.

The bill also provides additional funding for the University of Wisconsin System under its general program operations appropriation; for state aid to technical colleges; and for special education aid the Department of Public Instruction pays to school districts, independent charter schools, cooperative educational service agencies, and county children with disabilities education boards.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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**SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

**2021-22            2022-23**

3           **20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer**  
4                           **protection, department of**

5           (3)    AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

6           (f)    Meat processing tuition grants    GPR    A    1,306,700    1,329,700

7           **SECTION 2.** 20.115 (3) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

8           20.115 (3) (f) *Meat processing tuition grants.* The amounts in the schedule for  
9 meat processing tuition grants under s. 93.54.

10          **SECTION 3.** 93.54 of the statutes is created to read:

11          **93.54 Meat processing tuition grants. (1)** From the appropriation under  
12 s. 20.115 (3) (f), the department shall provide grants to universities, colleges, and  
13 technical colleges located in this state that have programs in meat processing to  
14 reimburse the tuition costs of students enrolled in a meat processing program.

15          **(2)** Each tuition reimbursement made with a grant received under this section  
16 shall reimburse a student for not more than 80 percent of the first \$9,375 of the  
17 tuition cost for enrolling in a meat processing program.

18          **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

19          (1) POSITION AUTHORIZATION. The authorized FTE positions for the department  
20 of agriculture, trade and consumer protection are increased by 1.0 GPR position, to  
21 be funded from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (3) (f), for the purpose of  
22 administering the meat processing tuition grant program under s. 93.54.

23          **SECTION 5. Fiscal changes.**

