



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 122

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 106.11 and 106.13 (2); and *to create* 106.115 and 106.120 of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** employment and training activities for homeless
3 populations, the Council on Workforce Investment, and local workforce
4 development boards.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), federal funds are allocated to the state and, in turn, to local workforce development areas designated by the governor to provide employment and training activities for job seekers and workers. The WIOA repealed a prior law known as the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), which contained a number of similar provisions. To receive funding under the WIOA, the governor must establish a state workforce development board, which is called under the bill the Council on Workforce Investment. The WIOA also requires the establishment of local workforce development boards. The bill requires the Council on Workforce Investment and local workforce development boards to have at least one member who is a representative of an organization that provides continuum of care services.

This bill requires the state council to identify certain populations for services under its WIOA strategic plans. The populations to be included are 1) homeless

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individuals from ages 18 to 24; 2) certain children placed in out-of-home care; and 3) homeless adults.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 106.11 of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **106.11 Workforce investment programs.** The department shall cooperate
3 with the federal government in carrying out the purposes of the federal Workforce
4 Investment Act of 1998, ~~29 USC 2801 to 2945~~ Innovation and Opportunity Act of
5 2014, 29 USC 3101 to 3361. In administering the programs authorized by that act
6 the department shall, in cooperation with other state agencies, the council on
7 workforce investment established under 29 USC 3111, and with local workforce
8 development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, establish a statewide
9 workforce investment system to meet the employment, training, and educational
10 needs of persons in this state. If a local workforce development board anticipates
11 that there may be a business closing or mass layoff under s. 109.07 in the area served
12 by that board, the board may prepare a list of resources available in that area that
13 provide career planning, job search, job skills training, and other support services for
14 affected employees, as defined in s. 109.07 (1) (a), including contact information for
15 those resources, for distribution to those employees under s. 109.07 (1m) (a).

16 **SECTION 2.** 106.115 of the statutes is created to read:

17 **106.115 Council on workforce investment. (1)** The council on workforce
18 investment established under 29 USC 3111 shall include, in addition to the members
19 required by federal law, at least one representative of an organization that provides
20 continuum of care services to individuals who are identified as homeless or at risk
21 of homelessness.

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1 **(2)** The council on workforce investment shall identify all of the following
2 populations of individuals with a barrier to employment to receive employment,
3 training, and educational services when submitting the state plan required by
4 section 3113 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014:

5 (a) Homeless individuals from 18 to 24 years of age.

6 (b) Children placed in out-of-home care under ch. 48.

7 (c) Homeless adults over age 24.

8 **SECTION 3.** 106.120 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **106.120 Local workforce development boards.** A local workforce
10 development board established under 29 USC 3122 shall include, in addition to the
11 members required by federal law, at least one representative of an organization that
12 provides continuum of care services to individuals who are identified as homeless or
13 at risk of homelessness.

14 **SECTION 4.** 106.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 106.13 **(2)** The council on workforce investment established under 29 USC
16 ~~2821~~ 3111, the technical college system board, and the department of public
17 instruction shall assist the department in providing the youth apprenticeship
18 program under sub. (1).

19 **SECTION 5.** 106.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 106.13 **(2)** The council on workforce investment established under 29 USC
21 ~~2821~~ 3111, the technical college system board, and the department of public
22 instruction shall assist the department in providing the youth apprenticeship
23 program under sub. (1).

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