



State of Wisconsin  
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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## 2019 BILL

1     **AN ACT to create** 20.445 (1) (bb) and 106.27 (1k) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             workforce training grants for seminars in high-demand fields to teach new  
3             skills and provide micro-credentials and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill allows the Department of Workforce Development to award grants to nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education in high-demand fields for the purpose of upskilling unemployed and underemployed workers in this state and providing micro-credentials to such individuals. The bill defines “upskilling” as the process of teaching new skills and a “micro-credential” as a stand-alone education product that certifies the achievement of a set of skills and knowledge required by an industry or a professional association.

For further information see the **state** 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:***

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

**BILL****SECTION 1****2019-20****2020-21****1 20.445 Workforce development, department of****2 (1) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT****3 (bb) Workforce training program; new****4 skills and micro-credentials GPR B \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000****5 SECTION 2.** 20.445 (1) (bb) of the statutes is created to read:**6 20.445 (1) (bb) *Workforce training program; new skills and micro-credentials.*****7 Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for making the grants under s. 106.27 (1k).****8 Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (b), the unencumbered balance on June 30, 2021, shall****9 be transferred to the appropriation account under s. 20.445 (1) (bg). No moneys may****10 be encumbered from this appropriation after June 30, 2021.****11 SECTION 3.** 106.27 (1k) of the statutes is created to read:**12 106.27 (1k) WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM; NEW SKILLS AND MICRO-CREDENTIALS.****13 (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (bb), the department shall award****14 grants to nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education, as defined in****15 20 USC 1001 (a) and (b), to create and administer seminars in high-demand fields,****16 as determined by the department, for the purpose of upskilling unemployed and****17 underemployed workers in this state and providing micro-credentials to such****18 individuals. The total amount that a grant recipient charges individuals to attend****19 seminars and obtain credentials as described in this paragraph may not exceed 10****20 percent of the actual cost to create and administer the seminars and provide the****21 credentials.****22 (b) In this subsection:**

