

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Workforce Development and Economic Opportunities**

##### **Assembly Bill 779**

Relating to: apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship completion awards, career and technical education incentive grants and completion awards, technical preparation programs in school districts and technical colleges, creating an individual income tax credit for completing an apprenticeship program, rejection criteria for part-time open enrollment applications, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, and providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures.

By Representatives Oldenburg, Petryk, Armstrong, Behnke, Callahan, Dittrich, Donovan, Edming, Goeben, Gundrum, Kitchens, Krug, Macco, Maxey, Melotik, Moses, Murphy, Mursau, Nedweski, Novak, O'Connor, Penterman, Rettinger, Schraa, Snyder, Tusler and VanderMeer; cosponsored by Senators Feyen, Ballweg, Cowles and Testin.

December 08, 2023 Referred to Committee on Workforce Development and Economic Opportunities

January 09, 2024 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (14) Representative Petryk; Representatives Michalski, Gundrum, Snyder, Armstrong, Rozar, Nedweski, O'Connor, Rettinger, Sapik, Shankland, Sinicki, Jacobson and Madison.  
Absent: (0) None.  
Excused: (1) Representative Shelton.

##### Appearances For

- Representative Loren Oldenburg
- Terry McGowan - International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #139
- Andrew Disch - North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
- Robert Barker - AGC of Wisconsin
- John Schulze - ABC of Wisconsin

##### Appearances Against

- Layla Merrfield - WI Tech College Boards
- Morna Foy - WTCS

##### Appearances for Information Only

- Steve Breitlow - Plumbers Local 175
- Kent Miller - WI Laborers District Council

- Jennifer Sereno - DWD

Registrations For

- Senator Dan Feyen
- Dan Bahr - Wisconsin Counties Association
- Robb Kahl - Construction Business Group
- Bill Smith - National Federation of Independent Businesses
- Brian Dake - Wisconsin Independent Businesses
- Rachel VerVelde - WMC
- Brad Boycks - Wisconsin Builders Association
- Bob Welch - Stride
- Bob Welch - International Union of Operating Engineers Local #139

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- Corey Gall - WI Pipe Trade Association

January 24, 2024

**Executive Session Held**

Present: (15) Representative Petryk; Representatives Michalski, Gundrum, Snyder, Armstrong, Rozar, Nedweski, O'Connor, Rettinger, Sapik, Shankland, Sinicki, Shelton, Jacobson and Madison.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Rozar, seconded by Representative Armstrong that **Assembly Bill 779** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (9) Representative Petryk; Representatives Gundrum, Snyder, Armstrong, Rozar, Nedweski, O'Connor, Rettinger and Sapik.

Noes: (6) Representatives Michalski, Shankland, Sinicki, Shelton, Jacobson and Madison.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 6

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BJ Dernbach  
Committee Clerk