

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/CORRECTIONS

DWD and DOC Re-Entry and Assessment Initiative

Motion:

Move to require DWD to work with the Department of Corrections on an assessment initiative, teaching DOC staff how to use assessment tools like Workkeys and Key Train, to help assess individuals who are incarcerated to determine their educational and vocational needs and skills.

Specify that Local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) outline a description of the board's strategic plan for preparing an educated and skilled workforce, including youth and individuals with barriers to employment.

Provide that DWD include in the Department's federal WIOA Local Plan Guidelines specific language requiring that WDBs outline how they will work with local and statewide reentry initiatives supported by the Department of Corrections.

Require the DWD Secretary to ensure a Department of Corrections representative serves on a committee of the state workforce board, to ensure that workforce programs serving offenders and former offenders have a voice on the board that oversees the state workforce system.

Provide that re-entry programs and strategies be integrated into Job Center referral procedures to ensure ex-offenders are aware of resources available to them.

Note:

DWD, as the state workforce agency, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Technical College System will submit the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plan to the Departments of Labor, Education and Rehabilitation Services Administration in March of 2016. The four-year WIOA state plan requires a description of the alignment of employment, training, education programs with reentry programs.

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