

CHAPTER 45

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS — CONTACT HOURS — FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

H.F. 559

AN ACT relating to financial assistance provided by the economic development authority to certain apprenticeship sponsors and lead apprenticeship sponsors, and including applicability provisions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 15B.2](#), Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection: NEW SUBSECTION. 06. “Contact hours” means the number of hours of in-person instruction received by an apprentice participating in an apprenticeship program.

Sec. 2. [Section 15B.4, subsection 1](#), paragraph a, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

a. ~~An apprenticeship sponsor or lead apprenticeship sponsor conducting that conducts an apprenticeship programs program that is registered with the United States department of labor, office of apprenticeship, through Iowa, for apprentices who will be employed at Iowa worksites located in this state may apply to the authority for a training grant financial assistance under this section if the apprenticeship program includes a minimum of one hundred contact hours per apprentice for each training year of the apprenticeship program.~~

Sec. 3. [Section 15B.4, subsection 2](#), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

The authority shall provide financial assistance in the form of training grants to eligible apprenticeship sponsors or lead apprenticeship sponsors in the following manner:

Sec. 4. [Section 15B.4, subsection 2](#), paragraphs b, c, and d, Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

b. ~~By adding together all of the following:~~

~~(1) The determining the total number of apprentices trained during the most recent training year, as calculated on the last day of the training year, in all apprenticeship programs conducted by all applying apprenticeship sponsors or lead apprenticeship sponsors during the most recent training year as calculated on the last day of the training year eligible to apply for financial assistance under [subsection 1](#).~~

~~(2) The total number of contact hours that apprenticeship instructors for all applying apprenticeship sponsors or lead apprenticeship sponsors spent in contact with apprentices during the most recent training year. For purposes of this subparagraph, “contact hours” includes the time spent instructing apprentices in person or, in the case of a lead apprenticeship sponsor with programs totaling one hundred or more total instructional hours, “contact hours” includes the time spent in online training if the total amount of online instruction does not account for more than thirty percent of the total instructional hours.~~

c. ~~By adding together all of the following:~~

~~(1) The determining the total number of apprentices trained during the most recent training year, as calculated on the last day of the training year, in each apprenticeship program conducted by a single applying each apprenticeship sponsor or lead apprenticeship sponsor during the most recent training year as calculated on the last day of the training year eligible to apply under [subsection 1](#), and that applied for financial assistance under [subsection 1](#).~~

~~(2) The total number of contact hours that apprenticeship instructors for a single applying apprenticeship sponsor or lead apprenticeship sponsor spent in contact with apprentices during the most recent training year. For purposes of this subparagraph, “contact hours” includes the time spent instructing apprentices in person or, in the case of a lead apprenticeship sponsor with programs totaling one hundred or more total instructional~~

hours, "*contact hours*" includes the time spent in online training if the total amount of online instruction does not account for more than thirty percent of the total instructional hours.

d. By determining the proportion, stated as a percentage, that a ~~single~~ each applying apprenticeship sponsor's or lead apprenticeship sponsor's total calculated pursuant to paragraph "c" bears to all applying apprenticeship sponsors' or lead apprenticeship sponsors' total calculated pursuant to paragraph "b".

Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to financial assistance provided by the economic development authority to apprenticeship sponsors and lead apprenticeship sponsors that apply for financial assistance on or after July 1, 2021.

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