

260G.4B Maximum statewide program job credit.

1. The total amount of program job credits from all employers which shall be allocated for all accelerated career education programs in the state in any one fiscal year shall not exceed the sum of three million dollars in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, three million dollars in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, three million dollars in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, four million dollars in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and six million dollars in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and every fiscal year thereafter. Any increase in program job credits above the six-million-dollar limitation per fiscal year shall be developed, based on recommendations in a study which shall be conducted by the department of economic development of the needs and performance of approved programs in the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2000, and July 1, 2001. The study's findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the general assembly by the department by December 31, 2002. The study shall include but not be limited to an examination of the quality of the programs, the number of program participant placements, the wages and benefits in program jobs, the level of employer contributions, the size of participating employers, and employer locations. A community college shall file a copy of each agreement with the department of economic development. The department shall maintain an annual record of the proposed program job credits under each agreement for each fiscal year. Upon receiving a copy of an agreement, the department shall allocate any available amount of program job credits to the community college according to the agreement sufficient for the fiscal year and for the term of the agreement. When the total available program job credits are allocated for a fiscal year, the department shall notify all community colleges that the maximum amount has been allocated and that further program job credits will not be available for the remainder of the fiscal year. Once program job credits have been allocated to a community college, the full allocation shall be received by the community college throughout the fiscal year and for the term of the agreement even if the statewide program job credit maximum amount is subsequently allocated and used.

2. For the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2000, and July 1, 2001, the department of economic development shall allocate eighty thousand dollars of the first one million two hundred thousand dollars of program job credits authorized and available for that fiscal year to each community college. This allocation shall be used by each community college to provide funding for approved programs. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and for every fiscal year thereafter, the department of economic development shall divide equally among the community colleges thirty percent of the program job credits available for that fiscal year for allocation to each community college to be used to provide funding for approved programs. If any portion of the allocation to a community college under this subsection has not been committed by April 1 of the fiscal year for which the allocation is made, the uncommitted portion is available for use by other community colleges. Once a community college has committed its allocation for any fiscal year under this subsection, the community college may receive additional program job credit allocations from those program job credits authorized and still available for that fiscal year.

2000 Acts, ch 1196, §5, 10; 2001 Acts, ch 176, §35; 2002 Acts, ch 1175, §30; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §35