

15.337 Waiver of program qualification requirements.

A community may request the waiver of the requirement for number of positions created under section 15.329. However, in no event shall the minimum number of jobs created be less than fifteen per application under the program. The department may grant a waiver for good cause shown and approve the program application.

As used in this section, "*good cause shown*" includes a county family poverty rate higher than the state average, a county unemployment rate higher than the state average, a unique opportunity to use existing unutilized facilities in the community, a significant downsizing or closure by one of the community's major employers, or an immediate threat posed to the community's workforce due to business downsizing or closure. "*Good cause shown*" may also include a proposed project by a business in one of the state's targeted industry clusters which will make a higher than average capital investment and which will pay an average starting wage for all the new jobs created as the result of the project that is significantly higher than the wage requirement in section 15.329. For purposes of this section, "*targeted industry clusters*" includes the industry clusters of life sciences, information solutions, and advanced manufacturing.

96 Acts, ch 1199, §5; 97 Acts, ch 20, §2; 2003 Acts, ch 125, §9