

**Senate Study Bill 1173 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON LABOR AND BUSINESS  
RELATIONS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON WHITING)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to financial assistance provided by the  
2 economic development authority to certain apprenticeship  
3 sponsors and lead apprenticeship sponsors, and including  
4 applicability provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 15B.2, Code 2021, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 06. "Contact hours" means the number  
4 of hours of in-person instruction received by an apprentice  
5 participating in an apprenticeship program.

6 Sec. 2. Section 15B.4, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2021,  
7 is amended to read as follows:

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

17 Sec. 3. Section 15B.4, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph  
18 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

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

22 Sec. 4. Section 15B.4, subsection 2, paragraphs b, c, and d,  
23 Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

32 ~~(2) The total number of contact hours that apprenticeship~~  
33 ~~instructors for all applying apprenticeship sponsors or lead~~  
34 ~~apprenticeship sponsors spent in contact with apprentices~~  
35 ~~during the most recent training year. For purposes of~~

1 ~~this subparagraph, "contact hours" includes the time spent~~  
2 ~~instructing apprentices in person or, in the case of a lead~~  
3 ~~apprenticeship sponsor with programs totaling one hundred or~~  
4 ~~more total instructional hours, "contact hours" includes the~~  
5 ~~time spent in online training if the total amount of online~~  
6 ~~instruction does not account for more than thirty percent of~~  
7 ~~the total instructional hours.~~

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

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

17 ~~(2) The total number of contact hours that apprenticeship~~  
18 ~~instructors for a single applying apprenticeship sponsor or~~  
19 ~~lead apprenticeship sponsor spent in contact with apprentices~~  
20 ~~during the most recent training year. For purposes of~~  
21 ~~this subparagraph, "contact hours" includes the time spent~~  
22 ~~instructing apprentices in person or, in the case of a lead~~  
23 ~~apprenticeship sponsor with programs totaling one hundred or~~  
24 ~~more total instructional hours, "contact hours" includes the~~  
25 ~~time spent in online training if the total amount of online~~  
26 ~~instruction does not account for more than thirty percent of~~  
27 ~~the total instructional hours.~~

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

34 ~~Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to financial~~  
35 ~~assistance provided by the economic development authority to~~

1 apprenticeship sponsors and lead apprenticeship sponsors that  
2 apply for financial assistance on or after July 1, 2021.

3 EXPLANATION

4 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
5 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 This bill relates to financial assistance (assistance)  
7 provided by the economic development authority (authority)  
8 to certain apprenticeship sponsors (sponsor) and lead  
9 apprenticeship sponsors (lead sponsor).

10 The bill provides that to be eligible for assistance,  
11 a sponsor or lead sponsor must include a minimum of 100  
12 contact hours per apprentice for each training year of an  
13 apprenticeship program conducted by the sponsor or lead  
14 sponsor. Under current law, there is not a minimum contact  
15 hour requirement to be eligible for assistance. The bill  
16 defines "contact hours" as the number of hours of in-person  
17 instruction received by an apprentice participating in an  
18 apprenticeship program. Current law defines "contact hours"  
19 as the time spent instructing apprentices in person or, in the  
20 case of a lead sponsor with an apprenticeship program totaling  
21 100 or more total instructional hours, "contact hours" includes  
22 online training if the total amount of online instruction is  
23 not more than 30 percent of the total instructional hours.

24 Under current law, the authority provides financial  
25 assistance in the form of grants to sponsors or lead sponsors  
26 pursuant to a calculation as specified in Code section 15B.4,  
27 subsection 2. Under the bill, the calculation is modified  
28 to account for the minimum 100 contact hours eligibility  
29 requirement and the revised definition of "contact hours".

30 The bill applies to financial assistance provided by the  
31 authority to eligible sponsors and lead sponsors that apply for  
32 financial assistance on or after July 1, 2021.