§ 3610. Apportionment for apprenticeship training. 1. Apprenticeship training programs. Local education agencies which provide related or supplemental instruction to apprentices registered by the state department of labor pursuant to article twenty-three of the labor law shall be eligible for an apportionment pursuant to the provisions of this section for the operation of apprenticeship training programs as approved by the commissioner. Priority shall be given to local education agencies which provide for an increased number of participants in the related or supplemental instructional component of apprentice training programs. Designated local education agencies may provide such programs directly, or by contracting with school districts, boards of cooperative educational services and other providers of apprentice training services, including postsecondary institutions and other providers authorized to confer degrees in this state or in which the course of instruction is licensed, registered or approved pursuant to any provision of this chapter.

2. Apprenticeship training hours. For the purpose of computing an apportionment under this section, apprenticeship training hours shall be the total number of hours of related or supplemental instruction given all apprentices in approved apprenticeship training programs in the area served by the designated local education agency between July first and June thirtieth of the base year as reported to the commissioner by September first of the current year.

3. Maximum apportionment per hour. For aid payable for school year nineteen hundred eighty-nine--ninety the maximum apportionment per apprenticeship training hour shall be computed by dividing the state appropriation for related and supplemental instruction for apprentices by the total number of apprenticeship training hours of all designated local education agencies in the state, computed in accordance with the regulations of the commissioner. For aid payable for school year nineteen hundred ninety--ninety-one and thereafter, this apportionment shall be at the rate of one dollar per training hour.

4. Apprenticeship training program apportionment. The apportionment pursuant to this section shall be the product obtained when the

apportionment per hour is multiplied by the number of apprenticeship training hours of the designated local education agency. Notwithstanding the provisions of section thirty-six hundred nine of this article, payment of such apportionment shall be made by November first of the current year.

5. State aid. No designated local education agency may receive under the provisions of this section an amount which when added to all other state aid received by such designated local education agency for the purpose of this section, exceeds one-half the cost of such program in that year. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the total aid received exceeds one-half the cost of the program, any state aid payable to the designated local education agency shall be reduced in the amount of such excess.

6. Apprentices. Apprentices in apprenticeship training programs shall not be included in any attendance count of this article and shall not generate aid under any other provisions of this chapter.

7. Apportionment for administrative costs. In addition to the apportionment under subdivision four of this section, any designated local education agency which has reported by September first the processing of more than one hundred fifty apprentices shall receive an amount equal to three dollars per apprentice served.

8. Regulations. The commissioner may adopt regulations to implement any of the provisions of this section.