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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 916

February 14, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives HEBL, POPE, SHANKLAND, ANDERSON, BILLINGS, BROSTOFF, EMERSON, FIELDS, NEUBAUER, SPREITZER, C. TAYLOR, ZAMARRIPA, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, DOYLE, GRUSZYNSKI, HESSELBEIN, MILROY, OHNSTAD, SARGENT, SINICKI, STUBBS, SUBECK and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators MILLER, RISSER, SMITH, ERPENBACH, LARSON and SCHACHTNER. Referred to Committee on Health.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.285 (1) (fd); and *to create* 20.370 (4) (cj), 20.435 (1) (fr) and
2 254.07 of the statutes; **relating to:** groundwater standards and waterborne
3 dangers, funding for the state laboratory of hygiene, and making an
4 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill does the following related to drinking water and groundwater:

1. Provides an appropriation and authorizes two positions for the Department of Health Services to develop recommendations for groundwater enforcement standards.

2. Provides an appropriation and authorizes two positions for DHS to aid local health departments and tribal agencies with technical support and community engagement on issues involving drinking water and groundwater.

3. Provides an appropriation and authorizes two positions for DHS to conduct surveillance, investigation, and outreach on public health issues related to outbreaks of waterborne diseases and harmful algal blooms.

4. Provides an additional appropriation for the Groundwater Coordinating Council to perform its functions. Under current law, the council advises and assists state agencies related to groundwater monitoring, laboratory analysis, research activities, and public information and education.

The bill also changes the general program operations appropriation for the state laboratory of hygiene in the University of Wisconsin System from a sum certain to a sum sufficient.

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For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.285 (1) (fd) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.285 (1) (fd) *State laboratory of hygiene; general program operations.* The amounts in the schedule A sum sufficient for general program operations of the state laboratory of hygiene.

SECTION 2. 20.370 (4) (cj) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (4) (cj) *Groundwater coordinating council.* A sum sufficient for the groundwater coordinating council to perform its functions under s. 160.50 (1).

SECTION 3. 20.435 (1) (fr) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (1) (fr) *Groundwater standards; aids; waterborne dangers.* A sum sufficient for developing recommendations for groundwater enforcement standards, providing local and tribal aids, and monitoring waterborne dangers under s. 254.07.

SECTION 4. 254.07 of the statutes is created to read:

254.07 Groundwater and waterborne dangers. (1) GROUNDWATER STANDARDS. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fr), the department shall develop recommendations for enforcement standards, as defined in s. 160.01 (2).

(2) LOCAL AND TRIBAL AID. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fr), the department shall provide technical support to local health departments and tribal agencies on issues involving drinking water and groundwater and shall carry out community engagement on issues involving drinking water and groundwater to support local health departments and tribal agencies.

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(3) MONITORING WATERBORNE DANGERS. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fr), the department shall conduct surveillance, investigation, and outreach on public health issues related to outbreaks of waterborne diseases and harmful algal blooms.

SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) GROUNDWATER STANDARDS. The authorized FTE positions for the department of health services are increased by 2.0 GPR positions, to be funded from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fr), for the purpose of developing recommendations for enforcement standards, as defined in s. 160.01 (2).

(2) LOCAL AND TRIBAL AID. The authorized FTE positions for the department of health services are increased by 2.0 GPR positions, to be funded from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fr), for the purpose of aiding local health departments and tribal agencies with technical support and community engagement on issues involving drinking water and groundwater.

(3) MONITORING WATERBORNE DANGERS. The authorized FTE positions for the department of health services are increased by 2.0 GPR positions, to be funded from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fr), for the purpose of conducting surveillance, investigation, and outreach on public health issues related to outbreaks of waterborne diseases and harmful algal blooms.

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