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This redraft makes the following changes.

1. Changes “animal disease diagnostic service” to “veterinary diagnostic laboratory”.
2. Places the chancellor of UW–Madison, rather than the president of the UW System, on the board.
3. Requires that one member of the board represent the animal agriculture industry.
4. Specifies appropriation amounts for the UW appropriations.
5. Provides that the laboratory may not charge the division of animal health for services and modifies the fee language so that the fee for each service is not tied to the cost of providing that particular service.
6. Clarifies the language about treatment of employes who become unclassified upon transfer to address Ruth Hieke’s concerns and specifies that these employes may appeal using the UW’s procedures or by going to the personnel commission, but may not use both procedures.
7. Authorizes DATCP to report a proposed construction or expansion project for the lab to the building commission.
8. Increases DATCP’s PR expenditure authority for FY 1999–00 for equipment and supplies and services.
9. Decreases DATCP’s GPR and PR appropriations for FY 2000–01 to reflect the transfer of the laboratories.
10. Lapses GPR in FY 2000–01 from UW’s GPR appropriation. I am told that it is necessary to fully fund the 18 new positions and then lapse most of the funding in order to ensure that the funding is built into the UW base for the next biennial budget while not actually funding most of the positions in FY 2000–01.
11. Eliminates “unencumbered” from the language concerning the transfer of program revenue from DATCP to UW. UW will receive the entire balance in the appropriation and will be responsible for paying the bills for which the funds were encumbered.
12. Lapses PR in FY 2000–01 from UW’s program revenue appropriation.

13. Authorizes the laboratory to continue to charge current fees until June 30, 2001 (so that there is enough program revenue to make the lapse described in the preceding point).

The redraft does not specify which positions are unclassified. The draft increases position authority for the UW System and transfers current employes to the UW System. The employes connected with the veterinary diagnostic laboratory will be employes of the UW System. Under the statutes, employes of the UW System, aside from "persons whose employment is a necessary part of their training student assistants and student hourly help" are classified staff or are faculty or academic staff (s. 36.05 (1), (6) and (8)). Faculty and academic staff are unclassified (s. 230.08 (2) (d)). My understanding is that the intent of this proposal is that some of the employes connected with the veterinary diagnostic laboratory will be designated as academic staff, or possibly as faculty, using the principles and procedures that are used for all UW System employes and I believe that this draft accomplishes that intent.

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