



State of Wisconsin
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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 946

February 12, 2018 - Introduced by Representatives KITCHENS, KRUG, NOVAK, PETRYK, QUINN and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, MARKLEIN and TESTIN. Referred to Committee on Environment and Forestry.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.115 (7) (qf) of the statutes; and *to affect* 2017 Wisconsin
2 Act 59, section 9133 (1); **relating to:** producer led watershed protection grants
3 and transferring moneys within the environmental fund.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases, from \$3,325,000 to \$3,825,000 in both the 2017-18 and 2018-19 fiscal years, the amount of the appropriation for the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's soil and water resource management program. The bill prohibits DATCP from requesting a continuation of this increased funding in its budget request submitted for the following fiscal biennium. The bill also increases, from \$250,000 to \$750,000, the amount under the program that may be allocated for producer led watershed protection grants in each fiscal year of the 2017-19 biennium.

Under the 2017 Biennial Budget Act, \$3,152,500 of the moneys in the environmental fund that have been received for the purpose of environmental management is required, in each fiscal year of the biennium, to be considered as having been received for debt service payments for certain nonpoint source water pollution abatement projects. This bill increases that amount to \$3,652,500 in each of those fiscal years.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.115 (7) (qf) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 20.115 (7) (qf) *Soil and water management; aids.* From the environmental
3 fund, the amounts in the schedule for cost-sharing grants and contracts under the
4 soil and water resource management program under s. 92.14, but not for the support
5 of local land conservation personnel, and for producer led watershed protection
6 grants under s. 93.59. The department shall allocate funds, in an amount that does
7 not exceed ~~\$250,000~~ \$750,000 in each fiscal year of the 2017-19 fiscal biennium and
8 \$250,000 in each fiscal year thereafter for the producer led watershed protection
9 grants.

10 **SECTION 2.** 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, section 9133 (1) is amended to read:

11 [2017 Wisconsin Act 59] Section 9133 (1) ENVIRONMENTAL FUND. Of the moneys
12 in the environmental fund that are received for the purpose of environmental
13 management, ~~\$3,152,500~~ \$3,652,500 shall, in each fiscal year of the 2017-19 fiscal
14 biennium, be considered to have been received for the purposes under section 20.370
15 (7) (cr) and (cs) of the statutes.

16 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

17 (1) FUNDING INCREASE FOR PRODUCER LED WATERSHED PROTECTION GRANTS.
18 Notwithstanding section 16.42 (1) (e) of the statutes, in submitting information
19 under section 16.42 of the statutes for purposes of the 2019-21 biennial budget bill,
20 the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection shall submit
21 information concerning the appropriation under section 20.115 (7) (qf) of the statutes

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1 as though the increase in the dollar amount of that appropriation by SECTION 4 (1)
2 of this act had not been made.

3 **SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.**

4 (1) SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT; AIDS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3)
5 of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and
6 consumer protection under section 20.115 (7) (qf) of the statutes, the dollar amounts
7 for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 are each increased by \$500,000 to \$3,825,000
8 to increase funding for producer led watershed protection grants.

9 (END)