



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 51

January 26, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives FREESE, OTT, HAHN, SERATTI, LORGE, BAUMGART, BALDUS, SILBAUGH, LINTON, OTTE, CARPENTER, OWENS, ROBSON, HUTCHISON, GROBSCHMIDT, WILDER and HASENOHRL, cosponsored by Senators RUDE, BURKE, BRESKE, CLAUSING, MOEN, C. POTTER and PANZER. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.245 (3) (c) and 44.46 of the statutes; **relating to:** historic
2 agricultural building grants, granting rule-making authority and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the state historical society is assigned numerous responsibilities related to historic preservation in this state. For example, the state historical society is required to maintain, publish and disseminate the state register of historic places and to serve as the principal agency of the state for the administration of historic preservation programs and activities of the federal government.

This bill creates a historic agricultural building grant program to be administered by the state historical society. Under the program, the state historical society is required to award grants to owners of historic agricultural buildings to fund the restoration of such buildings. Each grantee is required to make a matching contribution equalling the amount of the grant and to agree to use the restored building in a manner that is consistent with state public policy on historic preservation.

For further information see the *state* 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
5 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

1995-96**1996-97****1 20.245 Historical society****2 (3) HISTORIC AND BURIAL SITES PRESERVATION****3 (c) Historic agricultural building****4 grant program GPR A 75,000 75,000****5 SECTION 2.** 20.245 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:**6 20.245 (3) (c) *Historic agricultural building grant program.*** The amounts in
7 the schedule for the historic agricultural building grant program under s. 44.46.**8 SECTION 3.** 44.46 of the statutes is created to read:**9 44.46 Historic agricultural building grant program. (1)** In this section,
10 “historic agricultural building” means any building or structure that is used
11 primarily for agricultural purposes and which is significant in the history,
12 architecture or culture of this state.**13 (2)** From the appropriation under s. 20.245 (3) (c), the historical society shall
14 award grants to owners of historic agricultural buildings to provide assistance in the
15 restoration of such buildings. Grants shall be awarded on a matching basis, under
16 which, for each grant awarded, the historical society shall provide 50%, and the
17 grantee 50%, of the total grant funding.**18 (3)** Before awarding any grants under sub. (2), the director shall promulgate
19 rules establishing procedures and criteria for awarding grants under this section.
20 The rules shall require that any grantee agrees to use the total grant funding to
21 restore the historic agricultural building and, after such restoration, to use the

1 historic agricultural building in a manner consistent with the public policy expressed
2 in s. 44.30.

3 (END)