2009 SENATE BILL 42

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1 AN ACT **relating to:** a report on food safety programs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) regulates retail food establishments, such as grocery stores, and the Department of Health Services (DHS) regulates restaurants.

This bill requires DATCP and DHS to prepare a plan to consolidate their food safety programs into one food safety program and to submit the plan to the legislature.

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:

2 SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.

3 (1) REPORT ON FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS. The department of agriculture, trade and

4 consumer protection and the department of health services, jointly, shall prepare a

5 plan to consolidate their food safety programs into one food safety program. The

6 departments shall appoint a committee of individuals with an interest in food safety

1   to provide information and advice in the preparation of the plan. The departments

2   shall submit a report on the plan, including a description of the efficiencies and the

3   amount of savings that would result from the plan, to the members of the senate and

4   assembly in the manner provided in section 13.172 (2) of the statutes no later than

5   the first day of the 13th month beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

6   **(END)**