



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 864

March 8, 2000 - Introduced by Representative REYNOLDS. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 16.54 (11m) and 20.370 (5) (dd); *to amend* 20.370 (5) (bx); and
2 *to create* 20.370 (5) (dd) and 59.25 (3) (rm) of the statutes; **relating to:**
3 distribution of national forest income payments from the federal government
4 and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, all money received by the state from receipts on national forest lands must be distributed to school districts in accordance with the number of acres of national forest land located within the school district boundaries. This requirement was imposed by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9 (the biennial budget bill). Before the enactment of 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, all money received by the state from receipts on national forest lands was required to be distributed to towns in accordance with the number of acres of national forest land located within the town boundaries. Any town that received any of these moneys was required to expend at least 50% of the moneys on public roads in the town. This bill restores the law to the way it was before the enactment of 1999 Wisconsin Act 9.

In addition, the bill requires the secretary of natural resources to make a one-time distribution of \$1,805,800 to school districts that contain national forest lands within their boundaries. The distribution to each school district must reflect the proportion of national forest acreage located within the school district.

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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.** 16.54 (11m) of the statutes, as created by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, is
2 repealed.

3 **SECTION 2.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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6 **20.370 Natural resources, department of**

7 (5) CONSERVATION AIDS

8 (dd) Payments to certain school dis-

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10 **SECTION 3.** 20.370 (5) (bx) of the statutes, as affected by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9,
11 is amended to read:

12 20.370 (5) (bx) *Resource aids — national forest income aids.* All moneys
13 received from the U.S. government for allotments to ~~school districts~~ counties
14 containing national forest lands, and designated for the benefit of public roads in
15 such counties, shall be distributed in proportion to the national forest acreage in each
16 ~~school district~~ county as certified by the U.S. forest service. Such distribution shall
17 be made annually within 60 days after receipt of the money from the federal
18 government.

19 **SECTION 4.** 20.370 (5) (dd) of the statutes is created to read:

