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ASSEMBLY BILL 4

February 7, 2020 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION, by request of Governor Tony Evers. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 36.115 (9) of the statutes; **relating to:** county-based
2 agriculture positions in the Division of Extension of the University of
3 Wisconsin-Madison and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates 20 county-based agriculture positions in the Division of Extension of UW-Madison and provides \$500,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 to fund the positions. The positions are for local experts in agriculture who provide free research and technical assistance to Wisconsin farmers on agricultural practices and business management and planning.

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.** 36.115 (9) of the statutes is created to read:
5 36.115 (9) From the appropriation account under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the Board
6 of Regents shall allocate \$500,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$2,000,000 in each

1 fiscal year thereafter to pay all costs associated with the 20.0 full-time equivalent
2 county-based agriculture positions in the Division of Extension of the University of
3 Wisconsin-Madison authorized under 2019 Wisconsin Act ... (this act), section 2.

4 **SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.**

5 (1) In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of
6 Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar
7 amount for fiscal year 2019-20 is increased by \$500,000 to increase the authorized
8 FTE positions for the University of Wisconsin System by 20.0 GPR positions on the
9 effective date of this subsection, for county-based agriculture positions in the
10 Division of Extension of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In the schedule
11 under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University
12 of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020-21
13 is increased by \$2,000,000 to provide funding for these 20.0 FTE county-based
14 agriculture positions in the Division of Extension of the University of
15 Wisconsin-Madison.

16 (END)