February 25, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives Seratti, Handrick and Gard, cosponsored by Senators Jauch and Breske. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

AN ACT *to repeal* 16.54 (11m), 20.370 (5) (dd) and 20.370 (5) (ds); *to amend*2 20.370 (5) (bx); and *to create* 20.370 (5) (dd), 20.370 (5) (ds) and 59.25 (3) (rm)
3 of the statutes; **relating to:** distribution of national forest income payments
4 from the federal government 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. Of these moneys, \$1,400,000 is taken from the conservation fund and \$405,800 is taken from the general fund. 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:

SECTION 1. 16.54 (11m) of the statutes, as created by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, is 1 2 repealed. 3 **Section 2.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert 4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated: 5 1999-00 2000-01 6 Natural resources, department of 20.370 7 **(5) CONSERVATION AIDS** 8 (dd) Payments to certain school dis-9 GPR 405,800 Α -0tricts; general fund 10 (ds) Payments to certain school dis-11 **SEG** Α 1,400,000 -0tricts: conservation fund 12 **Section 3.** 20.370 (5) (bx) of the statutes, as affected by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, 13 is amended to read: 14 20.370 **(5)** (bx) Resource aids — national forest income aids. All moneys 15 received from the U.S. government for allotments to school districts counties 16 containing national forest lands, and designated for the benefit of public roads in 17 such counties, shall be distributed in proportion to the national forest acreage in each

school district county as certified by the U.S. forest service. Such distribution shall

be made annually within 60 days after receipt of the money from the federal

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1	SECTION 4. 20.370 (5) (dd) of the statutes is created to read:
2	20.370 (5) (dd) Payments to certain school districts; general fund. From the
3	general fund, the amounts in the schedule to make the payments required under
4	1999 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9 (1).
5	Section 5. 20.370 (5) (dd) of the statutes, as created by 1999 Wisconsin Act
6	(this act), is repealed.
7	Section 6. 20.370 (5) (ds) of the statutes is repealed.
8	SECTION 7. 20.370 (5) (ds) of the statutes is created to read:
9	20.370 (ds) Payments to certain school districts; conservation fund. The
10	amounts in the schedule to make the payments required under 1999 Wisconsin Act
11	(this act), section 9 (1).
12	Section 8. 59.25 (3) (rm) of the statutes is created to read:
13	59.25 (3) (rm) If the treasurer's county receives national forest income,
14	distribute the income to the towns in the county in which national forest lands are
15	situated, with each town to receive such proportion of the income as the area of
16	national forest lands in the town bears to the area of the national forest lands in the
17	entire county. Fifty percent of the amount received by any town shall be expended
18	by the town exclusively for the benefit of roads therein.
19	Section 9. Nonstatutory provisions.
20	(1) Payments to certain school districts. No later than June 30, 2000, the
21	secretary of natural resources shall distribute \$405,800 from the appropriation
22	account under section 20.370 (5) (dd) of the statutes, as created by this act, and
23	\$1,400,000 from the appropriation account under section 20.370 (5) (ds) of the

statutes, as created by this act, to school districts that contain national forest lands

within their boundaries. The distribution to each school district shall reflect the

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proportion of national forest acreage located within the school district. The secretary	
of natural resources shall distribute the payments to school districts from the	
appropriation under section 20.370 (5) (ds) of the statutes, as created by this act, from	
the amounts in the conservation fund under section 25.29 (1) (c) of the statutes.	
SECTION 10. Appropriation changes.	
(1) JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the	
statutes for the appropriation to the joint committee on finance under section 20.865	
(4) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1999, the dollar amount is decreased	
by \$405,800 for fiscal year 1999–00 to decrease funding for the purposes for which	

SECTION 11. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) Payments to certain school districts. The repeal of section 20.370 (5) (dd) and (ds) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2000.

15 (END)

the appropriation is made.