

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.

