

## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 83

February 22, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives A. OTT, GRONEMUS, DAVIS, VRUWINK, HINES, FIELDS, HAHN, PETROWSKI, TOWNSEND, MURTHA, M. WILLIAMS, ALBERS, SHERIDAN, NYGREN, MOLEPSKE, JORGENSEN, LOTHIAN, HIXSON, MURSAU, BALLWEG, NERISON, MUSSER, SEIDEL, FRISKE, STRACHOTA, HUBLER, GARTHWAITE and STEINBRINK, cosponsored by Senators VINEHOUT, OLSEN, LEHMAN, DARLING, HANSEN, HARSDORF, LASSA, KAPANKE, PLALE, A. LASEE, ERPENBACH, ROESSLER, BRESKE and JAUCH. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 15.09 (6) and 20.115 (8) (g); and *to create* 15.137 (2), 20.115  
 2           (8) (b), 20.115 (8) (ge) and 93.33 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating an  
 3           agricultural education and workforce development council and making an  
 4           appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill creates an Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council. The council consists of legislators, members from several state agencies and educational institutions, and members representing businesses related to agriculture, natural resources, and related areas such as food processing. The secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection appoints the members representing businesses. The bill requires the council to advise state agencies on matters related to agricultural education and workforce development in order to increase the hiring and retention of well-qualified employees in industries related to agriculture, food, and natural resources. The bill appropriates state funds for the council, but the council may not expend state funding in any fiscal year in an amount greater than the amount of private contributions that it receives in that fiscal year.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

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1           **SECTION 1.** 15.09 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           15.09 **(6)** REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES. Members of a council shall not be  
3 compensated for their services, but, except as otherwise provided in this subsection,  
4 members of councils created by statute shall be reimbursed for their actual and  
5 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, such reimbursement  
6 in the case of an elective or appointive officer or employee of this state who represents  
7 an agency as a member of a council to be paid by the agency which pays his or her  
8 salary. Members of the loan originator council under s. 15.187 (1) may not be  
9 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
10 their duties. Members of the agricultural education and workforce development  
11 council may not be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in  
12 the performance of their duties.

13           **SECTION 2.** 15.137 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

14           15.137 **(2)** AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. (a)  
15 There is created in the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection an  
16 agricultural education and workforce development council consisting of the  
17 following members:

- 18           1. The secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection or his or her  
19 designee.
- 20           2. The state superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee.
- 21           3. The secretary of workforce development or his or her designee.
- 22           3m. The secretary of commerce or his or her designee.
- 23           4. The secretary of natural resources or his or her designee.
- 24           5. The president of the University of Wisconsin System or his or her designee.
- 25           6. The director of the technical college system or his or her designee.

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- 1           7. The chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Extension.
- 2           8. A member chosen by the dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
- 3 of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, the dean of the School of Veterinary
- 4 Medicine of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, the dean of the College of
- 5 Business, Industry, Life Science, and Agriculture of the University of
- 6 Wisconsin–Platteville, the dean of the College of Agriculture, Food, and
- 7 Environmental Sciences of the University of Wisconsin–River Falls, and the dean of
- 8 the College of Natural Resources of the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point to
- 9 represent the colleges and school.
- 10          9. The chairpersons of one senate standing committee and one assembly
- 11 standing committee concerned with education, appointed as are members of
- 12 standing committees.
- 13          10. The chairpersons of one senate standing committee and one assembly
- 14 standing committee concerned with agriculture, appointed as are members of
- 15 standing committees.
- 16          11. A representative of the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators.
- 17          12. Two representatives of general agriculture.
- 18          13. Two representatives of agribusiness.
- 19          14. A representative of environmental stewardship interests.
- 20          15. A representative of businesses related to natural resources.
- 21          16. A representative of businesses related to plant agriculture.
- 22          17. A representative of landscaping, golf course, greenhouse, floral, and related
- 23 businesses.
- 24          18. A representative of food product and food processing businesses.
- 25          19. A representative of businesses related to animal agriculture.

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1 20. A representative of businesses related to renewable energy.

2 21. A representative of agricultural communication interests.

3 22. A representative of businesses providing engineering, mechanical,  
4 electronic, and power services relating to agriculture.

5 23. A representative of the board of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.

6 (b) A person who is authorized under par. (a) 1. to 6. to appoint a designee may  
7 only appoint a designee who is an employee or appointive officer of the person's  
8 department or educational institution and who has sufficient authority to deploy  
9 department or system resources and directly influence department or educational  
10 institution decision making.

11 (c) The secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection shall appoint  
12 members of the council under par. (a) 11. to 23. to serve for 3-year terms. A member  
13 under par. (a) 11. to 23. may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms on the council.

14 (d) The council shall meet at least once each year and may meet at other times  
15 on the call of at least 6 of its members.

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

18 **2007-08**      **2008-09**

19 **20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer**  
20 **protection, department of**

21 (8) CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

22 (b) Agricultural education and

23 workforce development council      GPR      A      75,000      75,000

24 **SECTION 4.** 20.115 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           20.115 **(8)** (b) *Agricultural education and workforce development council*. The  
2 amounts in the schedule for the activities of the agricultural education and workforce  
3 development council, subject to s. 93.33 (6).

4           **SECTION 5.** 20.115 (8) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           20.115 **(8)** (g) *Gifts and grants*. All Except as provided in par. (ge), all moneys  
6 received from gifts and grants to carry out the purposes for which made.

7           **SECTION 6.** 20.115 (8) (ge) of the statutes is created to read:

8           20.115 **(8)** (ge) *Agricultural education and workforce development council, gifts*  
9 *and grants*. All moneys received as gifts and grants for the activities of the  
10 agricultural education and workforce development council to carry out the activities  
11 of the council.

12          **SECTION 7.** 93.33 of the statutes is created to read:

13          **93.33 Agricultural education and workforce development council. (1)**

14          DEFINITION. In this section, “council” means the agricultural education and  
15 workforce development council.

16          **(2) FUNCTIONS.** (a) The council shall seek to do all of the following:

17           1. Increase the hiring and retention of well-qualified employees in industries  
18 related to agriculture, food, and natural resources.

19           2. Promote the coordination of educational systems and curricula to develop,  
20 train, and retrain employees for current and future careers related to agriculture,  
21 food, and natural resources.

22           3. Develop support for employment in fields related to agriculture, food, and  
23 natural resources.

24           4. Recommend policies and other changes to improve the efficiency of the  
25 development and provision of agricultural education.

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1 (b) The council shall seek to accomplish the purposes under par. (a) by advising  
2 state agencies on matters related to agricultural education and workforce  
3 development, including all of the following:

- 4 1. The coordination of programs.
- 5 2. The exchange of information related to educational needs.
- 6 3. The monitoring and evaluation of programs.

7 (c) The council shall identify criteria for evaluating the success of its activities,  
8 shall evaluate the success of its activities using those criteria, and shall annually  
9 report the results of the evaluation in the report under sub. (5).

10 **(3) COMMITTEES.** (a) The council shall create an executive committee to provide  
11 guidance to the council and to staff that support the functions of the council. The  
12 executive committee shall meet between meetings of the council.

13 (b) The council may create other committees to assist in its work. The  
14 committee members may include members of the council, employees of the agencies  
15 and educational institutions with members on the council, employees of other state  
16 agencies, representatives of organizations, and others. The council shall consider  
17 the need for committees on the subjects within the scope of its functions under sub.  
18 (2) and other subjects determined to be appropriate by the council. A committee shall  
19 annually provide a written summary of its meetings and activities to the executive  
20 committee for review and inclusion in the report under sub. (5).

21 **(4) ASSISTANCE.** The department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection,  
22 the department of public instruction, the department of workforce development, the  
23 department of natural resources, the technical college system, the College of  
24 Agricultural and Life Sciences of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, the School  
25 of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, the College of

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1 Business, Industry, Life Science, and Agriculture of the University of  
2 Wisconsin–Platteville, the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental  
3 Sciences of the University of Wisconsin–River Falls, and the College of Natural  
4 Resources of the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point may assist the council in  
5 performing its functions.

6 **(4m) MEETINGS.** The council shall meet at least annually and may meet at other  
7 times on the call of at least 6 members or on the call of the executive committee.  
8 Section 15.09 (3) does not apply to the council.

9 **(5) ANNUAL REPORT.** In September of each year, the council shall submit a report  
10 to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature as determined by the  
11 speaker of the assembly and the president of the senate, under s. 13.172 (3), the  
12 governor, the secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection, the state  
13 superintendent of public instruction, the secretary of workforce development, the  
14 secretary of natural resources, the secretary of commerce, the president of the  
15 University of Wisconsin System, the director of the technical college system, the  
16 chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Extension, the chancellor of the  
17 University of Wisconsin–Madison, the chancellor of the University of  
18 Wisconsin–Platteville, the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–River Falls,  
19 and the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point. The council shall  
20 include all of the following in the report:

21 (a) A summary of the activities of the council during the fiscal year ending on  
22 the preceding June 30.

23 (b) An assessment of agricultural education programs.

24 (c) A list of current and anticipated problems related to agricultural education.

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1 (d) Recommendations of the council, including any recommendations related  
2 to the structure of the council or the termination of the council.

3 (e) Dissents of any council member related to the activities and  
4 recommendations of the council.

5 **(6) FUNDING.** In any fiscal year, the department may not encumber from the  
6 appropriation under s. 20.115 (8) (b) an amount that exceeds the amount of private  
7 contributions received for the purposes of the council in that fiscal year.

8 **SECTION 8. Nonstatutory provisions.**

9 (1) INITIAL TERMS. Notwithstanding the length of terms specified in section  
10 15.137 (2) (c) of the statutes, as created by this act, the secretary of agriculture, trade  
11 and consumer protection shall appoint 5 of the initial members of the agricultural  
12 education and workforce development council under section 15.137 (2) (a) 11. to 23.  
13 of the statutes, as created by this act, for terms ending on July 1, 2009, 5 of the initial  
14 members of the agricultural education and workforce development council under  
15 section 15.137 (2) (a) 11. to 23. of the statutes, as created by this act, for terms ending  
16 on July 1, 2010, and 5 of the initial members of the agricultural education and  
17 workforce development council under section 15.137 (2) (a) 11. to 23. of the statutes,  
18 as created by this act, for terms ending on July 1, 2011.

19 (2) POSITION AUTHORIZATION.

20 (a) The authorized FTE positions for the department of agriculture, trade and  
21 consumer protection are increased by 0.5 GPR position to be funded from the  
22 appropriation under section 20.115 (8) (b) of the statutes, as created by this act, for  
23 an executive director for the agricultural education and workforce development  
24 council.



