AN ACT to create 20.255 (1) (fw) and 115.28 (56) of the statutes; relating to: pilot farm to school programs and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to administer two pilot farm to school programs in rural school districts in which at least 65 percent of the pupils are eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch in the federal school lunch program. A farm to school program is a program that connects schools with nearby farms to provide children with locally produced fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, and other nutritious, locally produced foods in school breakfasts, lunches, and snacks; helps children develop healthy eating habits; provides nutritional and agricultural education; and improves farmers’ incomes and direct access to markets.

The bill appropriates moneys to DPI to administer the programs and increases DPI’s authorized positions by 2.0 GPR positions for that purpose.

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:

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:
20.255 Public instruction, department of

(1) Educational Leadership

(fw) Pilot farm to school programs GPR A -0- 135,000

SECTION 2. 20.255 (1) (fw) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (1) (fw) Pilot farm to school programs. The amounts in the schedule to
administer the pilot farm to school programs under s. 115.28 (56).

SECTION 3. 115.28 (56) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (56) (fw) Pilot farm to school programs. Administer two pilot farm to
school programs, as defined in s. 93.49 (1), in rural school districts in which at least
65 percent of the pupils are eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch in the federal
school lunch program under 42 USC 1758 (b).


(1) The authorized FTE positions for the department of public instruction are
increased by 2.0 GPR positions, to be funded from the appropriation under section
20.255 (1) (fw) of the statutes, as created by this act, for the purpose of coordinating
the pilot farm to school programs under section 115.28 (56) of the statutes, as created
by this act.

SECTION 5. Fiscal changes.

(1) 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 2011, the dollar amount is decreased by $135,000 for the first
fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to decrease funding for the purposes for which the appropriation is made.