AN ACT to amend 27.01 (9) (bn) (title); and to create 20.370 (1) (ed), 27.01 (6m) and 27.01 (9) (bg) of the statutes; relating to: fee waivers for state park vehicle admission receipts and distribution of state park activity guides to pupils enrolled in grade 4 and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to waive the fee for an annual vehicle admission receipt (vehicle sticker) issued to the parent or guardian of a public or private school pupil enrolled in grade four. A vehicle sticker authorizes the operation of a vehicle in certain recreational areas and in state parks. The bill provides that a parent or guardian of a qualifying pupil may receive the waiver only once in his or her lifetime and DNR may issue a waiver only once for a household.

This bill also requires DNR to distribute to the principal of each public and private school in this state copies of an activity guide for state parks, forests, recreation areas, and trails. DNR must distribute enough copies of the guide to each school to enable each fourth grade pupil to receive a copy of the guide.

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. 20.370 (1) (ed) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (1) (ed) Parks – general program operations. From the general fund, a sum sufficient equal to the amount of the annual vehicle admission receipt fees waived under s. 27.01 (9) (bg), for the operation of state parks.

SECTION 2. 27.01 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:

27.01 (6m) Visitor activity guides for schools. The department shall distribute to the principal of each public and private school in this state copies of a visitor activity guide for state parks, forests, recreation areas, and trails. The department shall distribute a sufficient number of copies of the guide to enable each public and private school principal to provide a copy of the guide to each pupil enrolled in grade 4 in that school. The department shall distribute copies of the guide under this subsection on or after September 1 and not later than the following December 31 of each year.

SECTION 3. 27.01 (9) (bg) of the statutes is created to read:

27.01 (9) (bg) Annual vehicle admission receipt fee waiver; school children. 1. Except as provided under subd. 2., the department shall waive the fee, including the issuing fee, imposed under sub. (7) for an annual vehicle admission receipt for any vehicle, except a motor bus, that has Wisconsin registration plates and that is owned by a person who produces evidence that he or she is the parent or guardian of a public or private school pupil who on January 1 of the year for which the vehicle admission receipt is issued is enrolled in grade 4.

2. A parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in grade 4 may receive only one fee waiver under this paragraph in his or her lifetime. If a parent or guardian receives a fee waiver under this paragraph, the department may not waive the fee under this paragraph for any other member of the parent’s or guardian’s household.
SECTION 4. 27.01 (9) (bn) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

27.01 (9) (bn) (title)  Annual vehicle admission receipt fee waiver; service members.

(END)