



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 916

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.285 (1) (fd); and *to create* 20.370 (4) (cj), 20.435 (1) (fr) and
2 254.07 of the statutes; **relating to:** groundwater standards and waterborne
3 dangers, funding for the state laboratory of hygiene, and making an
4 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill does the following related to drinking water and groundwater:

1. Provides an appropriation and authorizes two positions for the Department of Health Services to develop recommendations for groundwater enforcement standards.

2. Provides an appropriation and authorizes two positions for DHS to aid local health departments and tribal agencies with technical support and community engagement on issues involving drinking water and groundwater.

3. Provides an appropriation and authorizes two positions for DHS to conduct surveillance, investigation, and outreach on public health issues related to outbreaks of waterborne diseases and harmful algal blooms.

4. Provides an additional appropriation for the Groundwater Coordinating Council to perform its functions. Under current law, the council advises and assists state agencies related to groundwater monitoring, laboratory analysis, research activities, and public information and education.

The bill also changes the general program operations appropriation for the state laboratory of hygiene in the University of Wisconsin System from a sum certain to a sum sufficient.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.285 (1) (fd) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 20.285 (1) (fd) *State laboratory of hygiene; general program operations.* The
3 amounts in the schedule A sum sufficient for general program operations of the state
4 laboratory of hygiene.

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (4) (cj) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.370 (4) (cj) *Groundwater coordinating council.* A sum sufficient for the
7 groundwater coordinating council to perform its functions under s. 160.50 (1).

8 **SECTION 3.** 20.435 (1) (fr) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.435 (1) (fr) *Groundwater standards; aids; waterborne dangers.* A sum
10 sufficient for developing recommendations for groundwater enforcement standards,
11 providing local and tribal aids, and monitoring waterborne dangers under s. 254.07.

12 **SECTION 4.** 254.07 of the statutes is created to read:

13 **254.07 Groundwater and waterborne dangers.** (1) GROUNDWATER
14 STANDARDS. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fr), the department shall
15 develop recommendations for enforcement standards, as defined in s. 160.01 (2).

16 (2) LOCAL AND TRIBAL AID. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fr), the
17 department shall provide technical support to local health departments and tribal
18 agencies on issues involving drinking water and groundwater and shall carry out
19 community engagement on issues involving drinking water and groundwater to
20 support local health departments and tribal agencies.

