



2021 SENATE BILL 646

October 20, 2021 - Introduced by Senators PFAFF, SMITH, ERPENBACH, ROYS, LARSON, AGARD and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives CONSIDINE, SHELTON, CABRERA, CONLEY, EMERSON, HEBL, B. MEYERS, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, SHANKLAND, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK, VINING and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** funding for regional farm support agents, the University of
2 Wisconsin System, technical colleges, and special education aid, and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's authorized positions by 5.0 GPR positions to serve as regional farm support agents within DATCP's Farm Center and increases funding for these positions.

The bill also provides additional funding for the University of Wisconsin System under its general program operations appropriation; for state aid to technical colleges; and for special education aid the Department of Public Instruction pays to school districts, independent charter schools, cooperative educational service agencies, and county children with disabilities education boards.

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:

4 **SECTION 1. Fiscal changes.**

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1 (1) REGIONAL FARM SUPPORT AGENTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
2 appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection
3 under s. 20.115 (3) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by
4 \$347,400 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 5.0 GPR
5 positions to serve as regional farm support agents within the department's Farm
6 Center in the northeast, northwest, central, southeast, and southwest regions of the
7 state. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of
8 agriculture, trade and consumer protection under s. 20.115 (3) (a), the dollar amount
9 for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$436,600 to provide funding for the positions
10 authorized under this subsection.

11 (2) SPECIAL EDUCATION AID. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
12 appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), the
13 dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by \$220,000 and the dollar amount
14 for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$275,000 to increase funding for aids for
15 special education under s. 115.88.

16 (3) UW SYSTEM; GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005
17 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin
18 System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased
19 by \$45,100 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$57,400 for
20 the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

21 (4) STATE AIDS FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGES. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for
22 the appropriation to the technical college system board under s. 20.292 (1) (d), the
23 dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by \$9,900 and the dollar amount

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1 for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$12,600 for the purpose for which the
2 appropriation is made.

3 (END)