



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1249/P1
ARG:emw

DOA:.....Mott, BB0440 - UW-Superior Lake Superior Research Institute
FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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Partnership program for the Lake Superior Research Institute

This bill requires the Board of Regents of the UW System to establish a partnership program between UW-Superior's Lake Superior Research Institute and northern Wisconsin communities. The program must be designed to accomplish specified objectives. The bill creates an appropriation to provide funding for the program.

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. 20.285 (1) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.285 (1) (bm) *Partnership program for the Lake Superior Research Institute.*

The amounts in the schedule for the partnership program under s. 36.25 (40).

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

***NOTE: The instructions indicate that 5 new FTE positions will be created in conjunction with this draft. I assume that DOA will specify an amount in the ch. 20 schedule entry for s. 20.285 (1) (bm) to cover these positions and will authorize the positions outside the text of the budget act.

SECTION 2. 36.25 (40) of the statutes is created to read:

36.25 (40) PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE LAKE SUPERIOR RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

(a) The board shall establish a partnership program between the University of Wisconsin-Superior's Lake Superior Research Institute and northern Wisconsin communities.

(b) The program under par. (a) shall be designed to accomplish all of the following objectives:

1. To remove barriers and provide easy access to research and testing services for homeowners and businesses.

2. To provide follow-up assistance and recommendations to solve environmental issues.

3. To secure external funding to solve environmental issues.

4. To develop highly visible outreach events.

5. To create a direct conduit to fully equipped laboratory space and scientific expertise and to fully integrate the institute as the applied-environmental research arm for the region.

(c) The program under par. (a) shall utilize permanent staff and student employees to coordinate directly with county health and conservation departments and with state, tribal, and local entities to develop regional priorities and solutions.

(d) Costs associated with the program under par. (a) shall be funded from the appropriation account under s. 20.285 (1) (bm).

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