



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0581 - Office of Environmental Justice Consolidation

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

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Creating the Office of Environmental Justice

This bill creates the Office of Environmental Justice within DOA. The office is led by a director outside the classified service who is appointed by the secretary of administration.

The duties of the office include all of the following: 1) developing a statewide climate risk assessment and resiliency plan; 2) assisting state agencies, local governments, and tribal governments with the development of climate risk assessment and resiliency plans; 3) administering a climate risk assessment and resiliency plan technical assistance grant program; 4) collaborating with state agencies and entities that serve vulnerable communities to address the impact of climate change on vulnerable communities; 5) provide guidance to state entities on issues regarding environmental justice and related community issues to address environmental issues and concerns that affect primarily low income and minority communities; and 6) create an annual report on issues, concerns, and problems related to environmental justice. The bill also creates the unclassified positions of chief resiliency officer and director of the Office of Environmental Justice. Under the bill, the chief resiliency officer and the director of the Office of Environmental Justice are assigned to executive salary group 3.

This bill makes an appropriation for the administration of the Office of Environmental Justice, development of state agency climate risk assessments and resiliency plans, and the chief resiliency officer. Also under the bill, DOA is required to charge state agencies a fee for the development of state agency climate risk assessments and resiliency plans.

This bill also makes an appropriation for the administration of the climate risk assessment and resiliency plan technical assistance grant 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. 15.105 (34) of the statutes is created to read:

15.105 (34) OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. There is created in the department of administration an office to be known as the office of environmental justice. The office shall be under the direction and supervision of a director, who shall be appointed by the secretary of administration to serve at the pleasure of the secretary.

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 15.105 (34). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1883/p2 and -1399/p3.

SECTION 2. 16.035 of the statutes is created to read:

16.035 Office of environmental justice. The office of environmental justice shall do all of the following:

(1) Develop a statewide climate risk assessment and resiliency plan.

(2) Assist state agencies, local governments, and federally recognized tribal governing bodies in this state with the development of climate risk assessment and resiliency plans.

(3) Administer a climate risk assessment and resiliency plan technical assistance grant program.

(4) Collaborate with state agencies and entities that serve vulnerable communities to address the impact of climate change on vulnerable communities.

(5) Assess state agencies a fee for the development of climate risk assessment and resiliency plans.

(6) Analyze grant opportunities, enforcement of environmental laws and regulations, and based on those analyses and input from residents of this state, advise and provide guidance to state entities on environmental justice and related community issues to address environmental issues and concerns that affect primarily low income and minority communities.

(7) Based on the analysis required under sub. (6), create an annual report on issues, concerns, and problems related to environmental justice, including addressing areas of this state in need of environmental justice issues that require immediate attention.

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 16.035. This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1883/p2 and -1399/p3.

SECTION 3. 20.505 (1) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (1) (bm) *Climate risk assessment and resiliency plan technical assistance grants.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to administer the climate risk assessment and resiliency plan technical assistance grants under s. 16.035 (3).

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

SECTION 4. 20.505 (1) (kt) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (1) (kt) *Office of environmental justice; climate risk assessments and resiliency plans.* All amounts in the schedule for the administration of the office of environmental justice under s.15.105 (34) and the chief resiliency officer. All moneys

received from assessments under s. 16.035 (5) shall be credited to this appropriation account.

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

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 20.505 (1) (kt). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1883/p2 and -1399/p3.

SECTION 5. 20.923 (4) (c) 1s. of the statutes is created to read:

20.923 (4) (c) 1s. Administration, department of: chief resiliency officer.

SECTION 6. 20.923 (4) (c) 1t. of the statutes is created to read:

20.923 (4) (c) 1t. Administration, department of: director of the office of environmental justice.

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 20.923 (4) (c) 1t. This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1883/p2 and -1399/p3.

SECTION 7. 230.08 (2) (ya) of the statutes is created to read:

230.08 (2) (ya) The director of the office of environmental justice in the department of administration.

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 230.08 (2) (ya). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1883/p2 and -1399/p3.

SECTION 8. 230.08 (2) (yf) of the statutes is created to read:

230.08 (2) (yf) The chief resiliency officer in the department of administration.

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