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Radiation Protection Position Funding (DHS -- Public Health)

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CURRENT LAW

Wisconsin statutes establish a radiation protection program to encourage the constructive uses of radiation and to prevent exposure to radiation in amounts detrimental to health. The Department of Health Services (DHS) coordinates with other state or federal agencies to achieve these goals, and is directed to conform as nearly as possible to nationally accepted standards in the promulgation and enforcement of rules.

GOVERNOR

Increase funding for DHS radiation protection activities by \$65,300 PR annually and delete \$65,300 GPR annually and 1.0 GPR position from the Division of Public Health's general program operation, to reflect the conversion of 1.0 position from GPR to PR, beginning in 2009-10. This position conversion is intended to reduce GPR-supported costs of the radiation protection program.

However, the bill would not increase position authority in the radiation protection appropriation as the Governor intended. Instead, the PR position increase was inadvertently budgeted in the appropriation that supports the state centers for persons with developmental disabilities.

MODIFICATION

Provide 1.0 PR position for the radiation protection program and delete 1.0 PR position for the state centers for persons with developmental disabilities, beginning in 2009-10, to correctly reflect the conversion of 1.0 position from GPR to PR in the Division of Public Health.

Explanation: The modification would budget the new PR position in the correct DHS appropriation.

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