



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 876

February 10, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives LOUDENBECK, NOVAK, PETRYK, MAGNAFICI, PLUMER, SKOWRONSKI, SUMMERFIELD and EDMING. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** requiring the University of Wisconsin-Madison to conduct
2 a research study on developing an agricultural science and technology
3 program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the University of Wisconsin-Madison to conduct a research study on developing a science and technology program specific to agriculture. Such a program must include 1) curriculum that includes enhanced farming practices, and 2) coordination between the UW-Madison program and agricultural programs at other UW schools. A report that includes UW-Madison's findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the study must be submitted to the legislature by approximately nine months after the bill's effective date.

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:

4 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

5 (1) UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON STUDY OF DEVELOPING NEW AGRICULTURAL
6 PROGRAM.

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1 (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

2 1. “Board” has the meaning given in s. 36.05 (2).

3 2. “College campus” has the meaning given in s. 36.05 (6m).

4 3. “Institution” has the meaning given in s. 36.05 (9).

5 (b) *Study.*

6 1. The board shall direct the University of Wisconsin-Madison to conduct a
7 research study on developing a science and technology program specific to
8 agriculture.

9 2. A program under subd. 1. shall include all of the following:

10 a. Curriculum that includes enhanced farming practices.

11 b. Coordination between the program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
12 and any agricultural program offered at another institution or college campus.

13 (c) *Report.* No later than the first day of the 10th month beginning after the
14 effective date of this paragraph, the board shall submit to the chief clerk of each
15 house of the legislature, for distribution to the appropriate standing committees
16 under s. 13.172 (3), a report that includes the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s
17 findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the study under par. (b).

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