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Milk Certification Program (Health and Family Services -- Health and Agriculture)

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CURRENT LAW

The milk certification program ensures the sanitation of dairy facilities and the safety of the milk supply for all Grade A dairy products that are shipped over interstate lines. The Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) staff inspect samples from Grade A dairy farms. Grade A dairy farms are associated with a particular dairy processor. Each group of farms and their processors are subject to a certification rating at least once every two years. There are over 10,000 Grade A dairy farms in Wisconsin. DHFS has 4.8 positions that perform activities relating to for the milk certification program.

GOVERNOR

Transfer the milk certification program from DHFS to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Replace current statutory references to DHFS with references to DATCP with respect to the program.

Department of Health and Family Services. Reduce funding by \$362,100 GPR annually and delete 5.0 positions, beginning in 2003-04, to reflect the transfer of the milk certification program from DHFS to DATCP.

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Provide \$362,100 PR annually and 4.8 PR positions, beginning in 2003-04, to reflect the transfer of the milk certification program from DHFS to DATCP. Authorize DATCP to promulgate administrative rules to charge dairy plant fees to fund the program.

MODIFICATION

Modify the Governor's bill by providing 0.2 GPR position, beginning in 2003-04, to DHFS so that the number of positions that would be deleted in DHFS would equal the increase in the number of positions in DATCP. In addition, delete session law provisions in the bill that identify these position changes [s. 9104(4) and s. 9124(6)].

Explanation: The administration's intent was to transfer 4.8 positions from DHFS to DATCP. Under the bill, DATCP would be provided 4.8 positions. However, the bill would delete 5.0 positions in DHFS. This modification would restore 0.2 GPR position to DHFS, so the total reduction from DHFS would be 4.8 positions, which would be transferred to DATCP. The administration has requested this modification. In addition, no session law provision is needed to reflect these position changes, since they are already incorporated into the agency position numbers identified in the LFB budget summary. The provisions relating to the transfer of the program's assets and liabilities, employees, tangible personal property, contracts and pending matters would be retained in the bill.

Modification: DHFS	GPR
2003-05 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	0.20

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