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1989 WISCONSIN ACT 299

AN ACT to *renumber* 15.07 (3) (bm); and to *create* 15.07 (3) (bm) 2, 15.375 (3), 20.255 (1) (cm), 20.255 (1) (cp), 23.405, 36.25 (29), 36.25 (30), 38.04 (4) (d) and 115.375 of the statutes, **relating to:** creating an environmental education board attached to the department of public instruction, authorizing the board to make grants for environmental education programs, establishing a center for environmental education at the university of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, granting rule-making authority and making appropriations.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 15.07 (3) (bm) of the statutes is renumbered 15.07 (3) (bm) 1.

SECTION 2. 15.07 (3) (bm) 2 of the statutes is created to read:

15.07 (3) (bm) 2. The environmental education board shall meet 4 times each year and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson.

SECTION 3. 15.375 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

15.375 (3) ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BOARD. (a) *Creation.* There is created an environmental education board attached to the department of public instruction under s. 15.03.

(b) *Members.* The environmental education board shall consist of the following members:

1. The state superintendent of public instruction.
2. The secretary of natural resources.
3. The president of the university of Wisconsin system.

SECTION 4. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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**20.255 Public instruction,
department of**

(1) EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

4. The director of the vocational, technical and adult education system.

5. One majority and one minority party senator and one majority and one minority party representative to the assembly, appointed as are the members of standing committees in their respective houses.

6. One member, appointed for a 3-year term by the state superintendent of public instruction, to represent each of the following:

- a. Environmental educators.
- b. Conservation and environmental organizations.
- c. Business and industry.
- d. Agriculture.
- e. Labor.
- f. Faculty of public and private institutions of higher education.

(c) *Designees.* Members of the board under par. (b) 1. to 4. may appoint designees to serve on the board, if the designee is an employe or appointive officer of the agency who has sufficient authority to deploy agency resources and directly influence agency decision making.

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(cm) Environmental education board	GPR A	–0–	36,000
(cp) Environmental education grants	GPR A	–0–	200,000

SECTION 5. 20.255 (1) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (1) (cm) *Environmental education board.* The amounts in the schedule for the environmental education board under s. 115.375 (1).

SECTION 6. 20.255 (1) (cp) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (1) (cp) *Environmental education grants.* The amounts in the schedule for environmental education grants under s. 115.375 (2).

SECTION 7. 23.405 of the statutes is created to read:

23.405 Environmental education. The department shall seek the advice of the environmental education board on the development of environmental education programs.

SECTION 8. 36.25 (29) of the statutes is created to read:

36.25 (29) ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. The board shall seek the advice of the environmental education board on the development of environmental education programs.

SECTION 9. 36.25 (30) of the statutes is created to read:

36.25 (30) CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. There is established in the college of natural resources at the university of Wisconsin–Stevens Point a center for environmental education to assist in the development, dissemination, implementation and evaluation of environmental education programs for elementary and secondary school teachers and pupils. The center shall do all of the following:

(a) Assist the environmental education board in addressing statewide teacher training needs in environmental education.

(b) Assist the department of public instruction to periodically assess and report to the environmental education board on the environmental literacy of this state's teachers and students.

(c) Develop, offer and evaluate environmental education courses for teachers.

(d) Select and train natural resource and environmental education specialists with teaching experience to assist in providing environmental education courses and programs to teachers in this state.

(e) Assist the department of public instruction and cooperative educational service agencies to assist school districts in conducting environmental education needs assessments.

(f) Provide environmental education workshops and consulting services to teacher educators from teacher training institutions located in this state.

(g) Establish an environmental education curriculum and materials center for use by school teachers, faculty of teacher training institutions located in this state and others in educational programs who need such materials.

(h) Assist the university of Wisconsin–Stevens Point college of natural resources in providing opportunities for teachers to complete advanced training in environmental education through the college's master's degree program.

SECTION 10. 38.04 (4) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

38.04 (4) (d) The board shall seek the advice of the environmental education board on the development of environmental education programs.

SECTION 11. 115.375 of the statutes is created to read:

115.375 Environmental education board and grants. (1) (a) The environmental education board shall provide advice and assistance to the state superintendent in identifying needs and establishing priorities for environmental education in public schools, including needs for teacher training, curriculum development and the development and dissemination of curriculum materials. The state superintendent shall seek the advice of the board in carrying out these activities.

(b) The board shall provide advice and assistance to other state agencies, including the university of Wisconsin–extension, conservation and environmental groups, youth organizations and nature and environmental centers in identifying needs and establishing priorities for environmental education.

(2) (a) In this subsection:

1. "Corporation" means a nonstock, nonprofit corporation organized under ch. 181.

2. "Public agency" means a county, city, village, town, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, school district or cooperative educational service agency or an agency of this state or of a county, city, village, town, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, school district or cooperative educational service agency.

(b) From the appropriations under s. 20.255 (1) (cp) and (jr), the board shall award grants to corporations and public agencies for the development, dissemination and presentation of environmental education programs. The board may not award a grant unless the grant recipient matches at least 25% of the amount of the grant. Private funds and in-kind contributions may be applied to meet the matching requirement. Grants under this paragraph may not be used to replace funding available from other sources.

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(c) The board shall promulgate rules establishing the criteria and procedures for the awarding of grants for programs and projects under par. (b). The board shall use the priorities established by the state superintendent under sub. (1) for awarding grants if the amount in the appropriations under s. 20.255 (1) (cp) and (jr) in any fiscal year is insufficient to fund all applications under this subsection. The department shall assist the board in administering this section.

(d) The board shall seek private funds for the purpose of the grants under this subsection.

(e) No more than one-third of the total amount awarded in grants under par. (b) in any fiscal year may be awarded to state agencies.

SECTION 12. Nonstatutory provisions; environmental education board. (1) POSITIONS. The authorized FTE positions for the department of public instruction are increased by 0.5 GPR position to be funded from the appropriation under section 20.255 (1) (cm) of the statutes, as created by this act, to assist in performing the functions of the environmental education board.

(2) INITIAL TERMS. Notwithstanding the length of terms specified in section 15.375 (3) (b) 6. (intro.) of the statutes, as created by this act, the state superintendent of public instruction shall designate 2 of the initial members

of the environmental education board appointed under section 15.375 (3) (b) 6. a to f. of the statutes, as created by this act, to serve terms expiring on May 1, 1991; 2 of the initial members to serve terms expiring on May 1, 1992; and 2 of the initial members to serve terms expiring on May 1, 1993.

SECTION 13. Appropriation changes; university of Wisconsin system. (1) The dollar amount in the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system under section 20.285 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1989, is increased by \$106,600 for fiscal year 1990-91 to operate the center for environmental education at the university of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and to increase the authorized FTE positions for the university of Wisconsin system by 2.5 GPR positions for the center.

(2) The dollar amount in the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system under section 20.285 (1) (im) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1989, is increased by \$28,400 for fiscal year 1990-91 to operate the center for environmental education at the university of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.