



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-4320/1

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2025 BILL

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 93.07 (25) of the statutes; **relating to:** creation of a farmland
2 link program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to establish and maintain within its Farm Center a farmland link program that connects property owners and agricultural operators with individuals seeking to use land exclusively for agricultural purposes. The bill authorizes DATCP to provide various resources and assistance under the program, including to provide assistance regarding the transfer of land and other property, collaborate with nonprofit organizations to facilitate connection between parties participating in the program, and publish informational resources related to the program. The bill also requires DATCP to establish and maintain a public website for the program and to annually report to the governor and appropriate standing committees of the legislature regarding the farms, acres, and users served by the program in the preceding year.

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:

BILL**SECTION 1**

SECTION 1. 93.07 (25) of the statutes is created to read:

93.07 (25) FARMLAND LINK PROGRAM. (a) To establish and maintain within the department's farm center a farmland link program that connects property owners and agricultural operators with individuals seeking to use land exclusively for agricultural purposes. As part of the farmland link program created under this paragraph, the department may provide assistance regarding the transfer of land and other property to be used exclusively for agricultural purposes, collaborate with nonprofit organizations to facilitate connection between parties participating in the farmland link program, and publish informational resources related to the farmland link program.

(b) To establish and maintain a publicly accessible website for the farmland link program under par. (a). The department shall, no later than 12 months after the effective date of this paragraph [LRB inserts date], and annually thereafter, submit to the governor and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3) a report regarding the number of farms, acres, and users that the farmland link program has served in the preceding year.

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