AN ACT relating to: establishing a tick-borne disease study committee.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a Tick-borne Disease Study Committee consisting of the secretary of health services, the secretary of natural resources, the commissioner of insurance, and 13 members appointed by the governor. Under the bill, the Tick-borne Disease Study Committee studies issues involving awareness, prevention, surveillance, diagnosis, reporting, and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases and submits a report containing policy recommendations to the legislature within three years after the bill takes effect.

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:

SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) TICK-BORNE DISEASE STUDY COMMITTEE.

(a) There is created a tick-borne disease study committee consisting of the following members:

1. The secretary of health services or the secretary’s designee.
2. The secretary of natural resources or the secretary’s designee.

3. The commissioner of insurance or the commissioner’s designee.

4. Three health care providers, as defined in s. 146.81 (1), appointed by the governor. At least one of the members appointed under this subdivision shall reside north of USH 10.

5. Two educators knowledgeable about Lyme disease or another vector-borne disease, appointed by the governor.

6. One representative of the private health insurance industry based in this state, appointed by the governor.

7. One person employed in the administration of a hospital in this state, appointed by the governor.

8. Two members appointed by the governor who are advocates for Lyme disease policy or residents of this state affected by Lyme disease. At least one of the members appointed under this subdivision shall reside north of USH 10.

9. One representative of a nonprofit organization with a purpose involving outdoor recreation, appointed by the governor.

10. Two representatives of county health departments, appointed by the governor. At least one of the members appointed under this subdivision shall represent a county that is located at least in part north of USH 10.

11. One representative of an organization representing local health departments and boards, appointed by the governor.

(b) No later than 3 years after the effective date of this paragraph, the tick-borne disease study committee shall submit a report to the legislature in the manner provided under s. 13.172 (2). In preparing the report, the committee shall study issues involving awareness, prevention, surveillance, diagnosis, reporting,
and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. The report shall include all of the following:

1. Recommendations for policies addressing awareness, prevention, surveillance, diagnosis, reporting, and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

2. Recommendations for the long-term use of antibiotics in the treatment of tick-borne diseases and insurance coverage of long-term use of antibiotics.

3. Recommendations for policies about notifying people about the increased potential of receiving a false negative test in the early stages of a tick-borne disease.

(c) The tick-borne disease study committee terminates upon submission of the report under par. (b).

SECTION 2. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.
AN ACT relating to: increasing the number of authorized positions for the Department of Health Services and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the authorized positions for the Department of Health Services by one full-time position to provide for an advanced epidemiologist dedicated to vector-borne diseases spread by mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects, with a specific focus on Lyme disease, whose job duties will include raising awareness and creating informational materials about Lyme disease and other vector-borne diseases for the general public and for patients and potential patients of these diseases.

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:

SECTION 1. Fiscal changes.

(1) Advanced Epidemiologist for Vector-Borne Diseases. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019-20 is increased by $91,400 to
increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 1.0 GPR position for an advanced epidemiologist dedicated to vector-borne diseases spread by mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects, with a specific focus on Lyme disease, whose job duties will include raising awareness and creating informational materials about Lyme disease and other vector-borne diseases for the general public and for patients and potential patients of Lyme disease and other vector-borne diseases. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020-21 is increased by $91,400 to provide funding for the position authorized under this subsection.
AN ACT to amend 20.370 (1) (mu); and to create 23.118 of the statutes; relating
to: signs informing about Lyme disease in state parks, state trails, state
recreational areas, and state forests and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with
the Department of Health Services, to design signs to raise awareness of Lyme
disease, inform about how to prevent tick bites, and encourage people to check for
ticks after visits to state parks, state trails, state recreational areas, and state
forests. The bill requires DNR to post at least one sign in each state park, state trail,
state recreational area, and state forest in a common area where it is most likely to
be seen by visitors, such as a park entrance, trailhead, or campground. The bill
appropriates $12,500 in fiscal year 2019–20 for this purpose.

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:

SECTION 1. 20.370 (1) (mu) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (1) (mu) General program operations — state funds. The amounts in
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23.11, 27.01, 30.203, 30.277, and 90.21, and chs. 29 and 169, for activities conducted under the ecological inventory and monitoring program of the endangered resources program, for the aquatic and terrestrial resources inventory under s. 23.09 (2) (km), for providing the signage required under s. 23.118, and for payments of $53,700 in each fiscal year, to be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.285 (1) (k), to the University of Wisconsin System for outdoor skills training under s. 29.598.

SECTION 2. 23.118 of the statutes is created to read:

23.118 Signage required. The department shall, in consultation with the department of health services, design signs to raise awareness of Lyme disease, inform about how to prevent tick bites, and encourage people to check for ticks after visits to state parks, state trails, state recreational areas, and campgrounds. No later than the first day of the 6th month beginning after the effective date of this section .... [LRB inserts date], the department shall post at least one such sign in each state park, state trail, state recreational area, and state forest. The department shall post the sign in a common area where it is most likely to be seen by visitors, such as a park entrance, trailhead, or campground.

SECTION 3. Fiscal changes.

(1) Lyme disease awareness signage. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of natural resources under s. 20.370 (1) (mu), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019-20 is increased by $12,500 for the purpose of providing the signage required under s. 23.118.

(END)
AN ACT to create 23.1165 of the statutes; relating to: making insect repellant available for sale in state parks and state forests.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to ensure that insect repellant is available for purchase in every state park and state forest, either by selling it at a state park or state forest office or other location in the park or forest when open and staffed, or by arranging by agreement with a friends group that operates a concession stand in the state park or state forest to sell it when the stand is open and staffed.

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:

SECTION 1. 23.1165 of the statutes is created to read:

23.1165 Sale of insect repellant. (1) In this section, “friends group” has the meaning given in s. 23.098 (1) (b).

(2) The department shall ensure that insect repellant is available for purchase in every state park and state forest through one of the following methods:
(a) Making insect repellant available for sale at the state park office, state
forest office, or other location in the state park or state forest at all times when the
office or other location is open to the public and staffed.

(b) Arranging by agreement with a friends group that operates a concession
stand in a state park or state forest to have insect repellant available for purchase
in that concession stand when open to the public and staffed.

(3) The requirement under sub. (2) does not apply with respect to a state park
or state forest if there is no state park office, state forest office, or other location in
the state park or state forest where the department can make insect repellant
available for sale or no friends group that operates a concession stand in the state
park or state forest or, if the state park or state forest office, other location, or friends
group concession stand sells out of insect repellant, for an amount of time that is
sufficient to allow for restocking.
AN ACT to create 23.118 of the statutes; relating to: Department of Natural Resources' efforts to raise awareness about Lyme disease.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if the Department of Natural Resources produces a brochure for a specific state park that includes information about the state park that is not solely a map of the park, DNR must also include in the brochure information on Lyme disease, how to prevent tick bites, and that visitors are encouraged to check for ticks after visiting the park. Also under the bill, annually in the month of May, in connection with Lyme Disease Awareness Month, DNR must conduct a Lyme disease awareness campaign with the goal of raising awareness of Lyme disease, informing on how to prevent tick bites, and encouraging people to check for ticks after spending time outdoors. The bill requires that the campaign use some combination of digital platforms, including DNR's Internet site, social media, and digital newsletters, and print platforms, including the Wisconsin natural resources magazine.

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:

SECTION 1. 23.118 of the statutes is created to read:
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**23.118 Lyme disease awareness.** (1) If the department produces a brochure for a specific state park that includes information about the state park that is not solely a map of the park, the department shall also include in the brochure information on Lyme disease, how to prevent tick bites, and that visitors are encouraged to check for ticks after visiting the park.

(2) Annually in the month of May, in connection with Lyme Disease Awareness Month, the department shall conduct a Lyme disease awareness campaign with the goal of raising awareness of Lyme disease, informing on how to prevent tick bites, and encouraging people to check for ticks after spending time outdoors. The campaign shall use some combination of digital platforms, including the department’s Internet site, social media, and digital newsletters, and print platforms, including the Wisconsin natural resources magazine.

**SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

(1) The treatment of s. 23.118 (1) first applies to a brochure produced on the effective date of this subsection.

**SECTION 3. Effective date.**

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after publication.