



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE BILL 357

July 13, 2023 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, PFAFF, BALLWEG, AGARD, CARPENTER, HESSELBEIN, LARSON, ROYS and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives SNODGRASS, CONSIDINE, ALLEN, C. ANDERSON, J. ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BARE, BEHNKE, CABRERA, BALDEH, BILLINGS, CONLEY, EMERSON, HAYWOOD, HONG, JACOBSON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, JOERS, OHNSTAD, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SORTWELL, STUBBS and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.935 of the statutes; **relating to:** native prairie and forage
2 plants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires state agencies and other state governmental entities to give preference, where appropriate, to using native prairie and forage plants to benefit native bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. The bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to provide information upon request to support this initiative.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.935 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **20.935 Native prairie and forage plants. (1) DEFINITION.** In this section,
5 “state agency” means an association, authority, board, department, commission,
6 independent agency, institution, office, society, or other body in state government
7 created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law.
8 **(2) INITIATIVE.** Each state agency, where appropriate, shall give preference to
9 using native prairie and forage plants to benefit native bees, butterflies, and other

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1 pollinators. The department of natural resources shall provide information to a state
2 agency when requested to support this initiative.

3 (END)