



2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 386

August 20, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives J. JACOBSON, ROE, BROWN, MIRESE, MADISON, JOHNSON, STROUD, PALMERI, JOERS and BARE, cosponsored by Senators PFAFF, KEYESKI, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, DRAKE, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SPREITZER and HESSELBEIN. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.115 (4) (aq) and 93.62 of the statutes; **relating to:** an
2 agricultural purchase program and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to create an agricultural purchase program in which DATCP may provide grants to entities that provide food assistance, including food banks, food pantries, other nonprofit organizations, and local food distributors, for the purpose of purchasing food products that are made or grown in this state. This bill also increases DATCP's authorized positions by 2.0 FTE GPR positions for support of the agricultural purchase program.

For further information see the state and local 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place,
4 insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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SECTION 1

2025-26

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20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer**protection, department of****(4) AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE**

(aq) Agricultural purchase program GPR C 30,000,000 -0-

SECTION 2. 20.115 (4) (aq) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (4) (aq) *Agricultural purchase program.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the agricultural purchase program under s. 93.62.

SECTION 3. 93.62 of the statutes is created to read:

93.62 Agricultural purchase program. The department shall create an agricultural purchase program under which the department may award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (4) (aq) to any of the following entities that provide food assistance for the purpose of purchasing food products that are made or grown in this state:

(a) Nonprofit food banks, nonprofit food pantries, and other nonprofit organizations.

(b) Local food distributors.

SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) **AUTHORIZED FTE POSITIONS.** The authorized FTE positions for the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection are increased by 1.0 GPR position for a program specialist in the agricultural purchase program under s. 93.62 and 1.0 GPR position for a grants specialist in the agricultural purchase

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SECTION 4

1 program under s. 93.62, to be funded from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (4)
2 (aq).

3 SECTION 5. Effective date.

4 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after
5 publication of the 2025 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

6 (END)