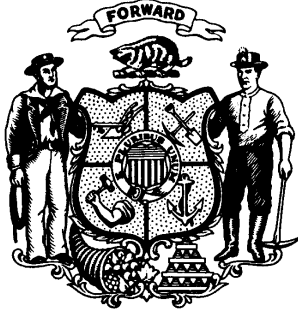


State of Wisconsin



2025 Senate Bill 421

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2025 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to amend* 31.385 (2) (d); *to create* 31.385 (2) (dr) and 31.385 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** a grant for modernization of a dam in the village of Rothschild.

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

SECTION 1. 31.385 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

31.385 (2) (d) The financial assistance that is provided under this section shall be paid from the appropriations under ss. 20.370 (4) (ja) and 20.866 (2) (tL) and (tx), except as provided in ~~par. pars.~~ (dm) and (dr) and in 1991 Wisconsin Act 39, section 9142 (10d).

SECTION 2. 31.385 (2) (dr) of the statutes is created to read:

31.385 (2) (dr) Financial assistance that is provided under sub. (8) shall be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (4) (jq).

SECTION 3. 31.385 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

31.385 (8) (a) Notwithstanding the limitations under sub. (2) (a) and the funding allocation requirements under sub. (2) (ag) and (ar), the department shall provide financial assistance in the form of a onetime payment of \$42,000,000 to Domtar Paper Company, LLC, for modernization of a dam on the Wisconsin River associated with the company's mill in the village of Rothschild. The department may not require Domtar Paper Company, LLC, to provide documentation of actual expenses prior to making the payment under this paragraph.

(b) If the dam modernization project under this subsection is not commenced by December 31, 2026, Domtar Paper Company, LLC, shall pay to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, the full amount provided under par. (a).

(c) If Domtar Paper Company, LLC, sells either its mill in the village of Rothschild or its mill in the city of Nekoosa prior to the completion of the dam modernization project under this subsection, Domtar Paper Company, LLC, shall pay to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, any unexpended amount of the assistance provided under par. (a).

(d) If the total amount of financial assistance for the dam modernization project under this subsection that Domtar Paper Company, LLC, receives from all sources exceeds two-thirds of the cost of the project, Domtar Paper Company, LLC, shall pay to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, an amount that is equal to the difference between two-thirds of the cost of the project and the total amount of financial assistance received by Domtar Paper Company, LLC, for the project.

(e) Domtar Paper Company, LLC, shall agree in writing to invest \$100,000,000 in north central Wisconsin via its manufacturing facilities in the village of Rothschild and the city of Nekoosa by the first day of the month beginning 3 years after the effective date of this

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

paragraph [LRB inserts date]. If Domtar Paper Company, LLC, does not make that amount in financial investments in north central Wisconsin by the date specified in this paragraph, Domtar Paper Company, LLC, shall pay to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, the full amount provided under par. (a).

(f) For the duration of the dam modernization project under this subsection, Domtar Paper Company, LLC, shall agree to use roundwood and wood chips only from Wisconsin producers to produce products at any facility owned or operated by Domtar Paper Company, LLC, in the village of Rothschild. If Domtar Paper

Company, LLC, produces products at any facility owned or operated by Domtar Paper Company, LLC, in the village of Rothschild using roundwood or wood chips from non-Wisconsin producers during the duration of the dam modernization project under this subsection, Domtar Paper Company, LLC, shall pay to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, the full amount provided under par. (a). This paragraph does not apply if extenuating circumstances prevent Domtar Paper Company, LLC, from using roundwood and wood chips only from Wisconsin producers.
