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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to clean water projects and programs by requiring
2 agencies to publish data regarding progress in meeting certain
3 benchmarks.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 466B.2, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. "Division" means the division of soil
4 conservation and water quality created within the department of
5 agriculture and land stewardship pursuant to section 159.5.

6 Sec. 2. Section 466B.3, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code 2026,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 b. The director of the division of soil conservation and
9 water quality within the department of agriculture and land
10 stewardship or the director's designee.

11 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **466B.12 Benchmark reporting.**

12 In administering any project or program supported by
13 state moneys that monitors surface water for the purpose of
14 establishing benchmarks to determine progress in meeting a clean
15 water goal or objective, the department of natural resources
16 or the division, whichever administers the program or project,
17 shall publish and regularly update a benchmark status report
18 on an internet site administered jointly by the department of
19 natural resources and the division. The project or program may
20 be established or created in this chapter, or another chapter, if
21 it authorizes the department of natural resources or the division
22 to monitor surface water for purposes of acquiring data relating
23 to nutrient loads, precipitation-induced surface runoff, or storm
24 water discharges. The report shall include measurements taken
25 before a project or program begins, during the period when the
26 project or program is ongoing, and after the project or program
27 is completed.

28 Sec. 4. Section 466B.41, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
29 by striking the subsection.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill requires the department of natural resources and
34 the division of soil conservation and water quality within the
35 department of agriculture and land stewardship to publish a

1 report regarding any project or program supported by state moneys
2 that establishes benchmarks in achieving water quality objectives
3 or goals. The reports must be published on an internet site
4 administered jointly by the two agencies.

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