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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to clean water projects and programs by
2 requiring agencies to publish data regarding progress in
3 meeting certain benchmarks.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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
7 2026, 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
15 clean water goal or objective, the department of natural
16 resources or the division, whichever administers the program
17 or project, shall publish and regularly update a benchmark
18 status report on an internet site administered jointly by
19 the department of natural resources and the division. The
20 project or program may be established or created in this
21 chapter, or another chapter, if it authorizes the department
22 of natural resources or the division to monitor surface
23 water for purposes of acquiring data relating to nutrient
24 loads, precipitation-induced surface runoff, or storm water
25 discharges. The report shall include measurements taken before
26 a project or program begins, during the period when the project
27 or program is ongoing, and after the project or program is
28 completed.

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

31 EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill requires the department of natural resources and
35 the division of soil conservation and water quality within

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1 the department of agriculture and land stewardship to publish
2 a report regarding any project or program supported by state
3 moneys that establishes benchmarks in achieving water quality
4 objectives or goals. The reports must be published on an
5 internet site administered jointly by the two agencies.