

State of Wisconsin



2015 Assembly Bill 602

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2015 WISCONSIN ACT 297

AN ACT *to amend* 115.7915 (2) (c), 118.60 (1) (ab), 118.60 (1) (cm), 119.23 (1) (ab) 1. and 119.23 (1) (ap) of the statutes; **relating to:** accrediting entities for private schools participating in a parental choice program or the Special Needs Scholarship program.

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

SECTION 1. 115.7915 (2) (c) of the statutes, as created by [2015 Wisconsin Act 55](#), is amended to read:

115.7915 (2) (c) The eligible school has been approved as a private school by the state superintendent under s. 118.165 (2) or is accredited by the Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, [Christian Schools International](#), Association of Christian Schools International, the diocese or archdiocese within which the private school is located, or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation, as of the August 1 preceding the school term for which the scholarship is awarded.

SECTION 2. 118.60 (1) (ab) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.60 (1) (ab) "Accrediting entity" means Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin

Association of Christian Schools, [Christian Schools International](#), Association of Christian Schools International, the diocese or archdiocese within which a private school is located, and any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation.

SECTION 3. 118.60 (1) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.60 (1) (cm) "Preaccrediting entity" means the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, [Christian Schools International](#), Association of Christian Schools International, and the diocese or archdiocese within which a private school is located.

SECTION 4. 119.23 (1) (ab) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.23 (1) (ab) 1. Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools,

* 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."

Christian Schools International, Association of Christian Schools International, the diocese or archdiocese within which a private school is located, and any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation.

SECTION 5. 119.23 (1) (ap) of the statutes is amended to read:

119.23 (1) (ap) “Preaccrediting entity” means the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette

University, Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, Christian Schools International, Association of Christian Schools International, and the diocese or archdiocese within which a private school is located.
