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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

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**2021 Wisconsin Act 214**  
[2021 Senate Bill 589]

**FORT Exam Requirement  
For Teacher Licensure**

### **PRIOR LAW**

Prior state law required applicants for certain teacher licenses to pass a 2012 version of the Foundations of Reading test (FORT). Specifically, an applicant for an initial license as a reading teacher, as a teacher in grades K-5, or as a special education teacher was generally required to pass an exam identical to the FORT “administered in 2012 as part of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure.”

### **WISCONSIN ACT 214**

Act 214 allows a teacher licensure applicant to pass either the 2012 version of FORT or the most recent edition of FORT.

**Effective date:** April 2, 2022

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