



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 975

February 14, 2022 - Introduced by Representative THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senator DARLING. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 118.19 (7m); and *to create* 118.19 (7m) (b) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** substitute teacher permits issued by the Department
3 of Public Instruction.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the state superintendent of public instruction to grant a substitute teacher permit to an individual who satisfies all of the following requirements:

1. The individual is eligible for a permit based on a successful background check.
2. The individual is at least 21 years of age.
3. The individual is enrolled in a teacher preparatory program approved by the state superintendent.
4. If the teacher preparatory program in which the individual is enrolled awards a bachelor's degree, the individual has successfully completed the minimum number of course credits required for the individual to have achieved junior level status.
5. The individual has completed at least 15 hours of classroom observation.

The bill specifies that, if the individual is eligible for a substitute teacher permit under the bill, the state superintendent may not require the individual to complete substitute teacher training as a condition for receiving the permit.

Under current law, an individual is eligible for a substitute teacher permit if the individual 1) is eligible for a permit based on a successful background check; 2) has

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an associate degree; and 3) has successfully completed substitute teacher training. The bill retains this pathway for obtaining a substitute teacher permit.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 118.19 (7m) of the statutes is renumbered 118.19 (7m) (intro.) and
2 amended to read:

3 118.19 (**7m**) (intro.) The state superintendent shall grant a substitute teacher
4 permit to an individual who is eligible for licensure under subs. (4) and (10), and who
5 satisfies any of the following:

6 (a) The individual has an associate degree, and has successfully completed
7 substitute teacher training.

8 **SECTION 2.** 118.19 (7m) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

9 118.19 (**7m**) (b) 1. All of the following apply to the individual:

10 a. The individual is at least 21 years of age.

11 b. The individual is enrolled in a teacher preparatory program approved by the
12 state superintendent under s. 115.28 (7) (a).

13 c. If the teacher preparatory program in which the individual is enrolled
14 awards a bachelor's degree, the individual has successfully completed the minimum
15 number of course credits required for the individual to have achieved junior level
16 status.

17 d. The individual has completed at least 15 hours of classroom observation.

