



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

1     **AN ACT *to repeal*** 118.19 (2); and ***to amend*** 115.28 (7) (a) of the statutes; **relating**  
2           **to:** repealing a teaching license requirement (suggested as remedial legislation  
3           by the Department of Public Instruction).

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill repeals a provision that 1) until the end of the 1971-72 school year, prohibited the issuance of a certificate or license to teach in any public school unless the applicant had completed two years of post-high school education devoted to pedagogical instruction and training; and 2) allowed any teacher who taught in any public school during or before the 1937-38 school year to continue to teach in public schools without complying with that educational requirement.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Public Instruction and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

**SECTION 1.** 115.28 (7) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2023 Wisconsin Act 20, is amended to read:

115.28 **(7)** (a) License all teachers for the public schools of the state; make rules establishing standards of attainment and procedures for the examination and licensing of teachers within the limits prescribed in ss. 118.19 (2) and (3), 118.191, 118.1915, 118.192, 118.193, 118.194, 118.195, and 118.197; prescribe by rule standards, requirements, and procedures for the approval of teacher preparatory programs leading to licensure, including a requirement that, to be approved by the state superintendent, a teacher preparatory program shall demonstrate that it provides instruction that prepares teachers to teach reading and language arts using science-based early reading instruction, as defined in s. 118.015 (1c) (b), and does not provide instruction on teaching reading and language arts that incorporates 3-cueing, as defined in s. 118.015 (1c) (c), and a requirement that, beginning on July 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, each teacher preparatory program located in this state shall submit to the department a list of individuals who have completed the program and who have been recommended by the program for licensure under this subsection, together with each individual's date of program completion, from each term or semester of the program's most recently completed academic year; file in the state superintendent's office all papers relating to state teachers' licenses; and register each such license.

**SECTION 2.** 118.19 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

NOTE: This SECTION repeals two obsolete provisions. One applied only until the end of the 1971-72 school year. The other applied to any teacher who taught in the 1937-38 school year or a prior school year. SECTION 1 removes a reference to the repealed provisions.

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