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**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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**2017 Senate Bill 711**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1 and Senate  
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to Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1**

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**2017 SENATE BILL 711**

Senate Bill 711 creates a grant program to assist high school teachers to meet the qualification requirements of the Higher Learning Commission for eligibility to teach dual enrollment courses.

The dual enrollment courses eligible for the program would be those courses providing students both high school credit and credit at a technical college, a two-year University of Wisconsin (UW) campus, or a four-year UW institution.

The program would be administered by the Office of Educational Opportunity in the UW System. The bill appropriates \$500,000 to the program, which would sunset in 2022.

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 (SSA 1) makes the grant program purpose more specific: it will assist high school teachers by covering tuition expenses for courses taken to meet the qualification requirements of the Higher Learning Commission for eligibility to teach dual enrollment courses.

The dual enrollment courses eligible under SSA 1 would be expanded to include courses providing credit at a private college, in addition to a technical college or a UW campus or institution.

Under SSA 1, the program would be administered by the Higher Educational Aids Board. SSA 1 would sunset the program one year earlier than the bill, in 2021.

Finally, SSA 1 requires grant recipients to submit reports to the Higher Educational Aids Board, and requires the Board to report to the Joint Committee on Finance before the sunset in 2021 on the effectiveness of the grant program's first two years.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO SSA 1**

As of September 2017, certain professional or master teaching licenses, administrator licenses, and pupil services licenses no longer have an expiration date and need not be renewed. This "lifetime license" provision under s. 118.19 (18) (b), Stats., was created by the 2017-19 Biennial Budget Act (2017 Wisconsin Act 59). In order to be eligible, the holder of a license must be employed by a school district. Further, to convert a provisional license to a lifetime license requires six semesters of successful experience teaching, administrating, or pupil services. This experience must be gained in a school district.

Senate Amendment 1 (SA 1) to SSA 1 deletes from the lifetime license statute the requirement for holders of lifetime licenses to be employed by a school district. Similarly, SA 1 eliminates the requirement that provisional license holders gain six semesters of experience in a school district to become eligible for a lifetime license. Instead, it directs the Department of Public Instruction to promulgate rules specifying eligible employment in education for this purpose.

### **BILL HISTORY**

On February 14, 2018, SSA 1 was introduced by Senator Olsen. On February 15, 2018, SA1 was introduced by Senator Olsen. On February 20, 2018, the Senate adopted SA 1 to SSA 1 and adopted SSA 1, as amended, on voice votes, and adopted the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 32; Noes, 0.

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