



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2001 Assembly Bill 90

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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CURRENT LAW

Under current law, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) must award a grant to any person who satisfies all of the following requirements:

1. The person is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
2. The person is licensed as a teacher by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or employed as a teacher in a private school in Wisconsin.
3. The person is a resident of Wisconsin.
4. The person is employed as a teacher in Wisconsin.

The grant consists of the following:

- The costs of obtaining certification that were borne by the person, not to exceed \$2,000. DPI awards the grant in the school year in which the person is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. However, if the person becomes certified while he or she is not a resident of Wisconsin, DPI must award the grant in the first school year in which the person meets all of the requirements listed above.
- In each of the nine following school years, a \$2,500 grant to each person that received one of the initial grants if the person: (a) maintains his or her certification; (b) maintains his or her license as a teacher or remains employed in a private school in Wisconsin; (c) remains a resident of Wisconsin; and (d) remains employed as a teacher in Wisconsin.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 TO 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 90

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 90 repeals the residency requirement to receive an initial grant and to receive a continuing grant for up to nine years. The substitute amendment specifies that the initial grant is awarded in the first school year in which the person meets *all* of the requirements to be awarded a grant, that is, the person is: (1) certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; (2) licensed by DPI as a teacher in Wisconsin or employed as a teacher in a private school in Wisconsin; and (3) employed as a teacher in Wisconsin.

The substitute amendment also restructures the continuing grant portion of the statutes [s. 115.42 (2), Stats.], in a manner that is identical to the 2001-03 Biennial Budget Bill (2001 Senate Bill 55 and 2001 Assembly Bill 144), without making any substantive changes to current law.

The Assembly Committee on Education recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 and recommended passage of the bill, as amended--both on a vote of Ayes, 14; and Noes, 0.

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