

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 195

Assembly Bill 195 creates an alternative method for meeting one requirement for receiving a Department of Public Instruction (DPI) teaching license based on having an out-of-state license, referred to as a license based on reciprocity. Under current law, DPI must issue an initial teaching license based on reciprocity to a person who: (1) holds a teaching license from another state; (2) is in good standing in that state; and (3) has taught for at least one year under the out-of-state license.

The bill allows a person to receive a teaching license based on reciprocity if the person taught for two semesters under a DPI license or permit, as an alternative to teaching for one year under the out-of-state license. To meet this qualification, the school district or charter school where the person taught must notify DPI that he or she successfully completed two semesters of teaching experience.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 also allows a person to receive a teaching license based on reciprocity if the person taught two semesters at a private school in Wisconsin while holding a DPI license or permit. Under the amendment, a cooperative educational service agency (CESA) or private school employing a person may notify DPI that the person successfully completed two semesters of teaching experience, as defined by DPI rule, in addition to a school district or charter school.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Tranel and Myers on June 12, 2019. On June 13, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Education voted to adopt Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0. The committee then voted to pass Assembly Bill 195, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 2.

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