



## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 194

March 12, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives KELSO, RYBA, MUSSER, AINSWORTH, SYKORA, STONE, ALBERS, PETROWSKI, GUNDRUM, OWENS and NASS, cosponsored by Senators ROSENZWEIG, ROESSLER and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

1     **AN ACT to renumber** 118.19 (10) (g); **to amend** 118.19 (10) (f); and **to create**  
2           118.19 (10) (b) 3. and 4., 118.19 (10) (dm) and 118.19 (10) (g) 2. of the statutes;  
3           **relating to:** background investigations of persons hired by school districts and  
4           charter schools.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the state superintendent of public instruction must conduct a background investigation of each applicant for issuance or renewal of a license or permit issued by the state superintendent.

Under this bill, before hiring a person who does not hold a license or permit issued by the state superintendent, a school district or charter school must request the state superintendent to conduct a background investigation of the person. The state superintendent must conduct the investigation and disclose the results to the school district or charter school that made the request. The bill also directs the state superintendent, before hiring a person who does not hold a license or permit issued by the state superintendent to work at the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped or the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, to conduct a background investigation of the person.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 118.19 (10) (b) 3. and 4. of the statutes are created to read:

2           118.19 (10) (b) 3. Upon receipt of a request under par. (dm), conduct a  
3 background investigation of the person specified in the request.

4           4. Before hiring a person who does not hold a license or permit issued by the  
5 state superintendent for one of the state schools under s. 115.52, conduct a  
6 background investigation of the person.

7           **SECTION 2.** 118.19 (10) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

8           118.19 (10) (dm) Before hiring a person who does not hold a license or permit  
9 issued by the state superintendent, a school district or charter school shall provide  
10 the state superintendent with all of the following information about the person and  
11 request the state superintendent to conduct a background investigation:

12           1. The person's name.

13           2. The person's social security number.

14           3. Other identifying information, including the person's birthdate, sex, race  
15 and any identifying physical characteristics.

16           **SECTION 3.** 118.19 (10) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

17           118.19 (10) (f) ~~The state superintendent shall keep confidential~~ Except as  
18 provided in par. (g), all information received under this subsection from the  
19 department of justice or the federal bureau of investigation. ~~Except as provided in~~  
20 ~~par. (g), such information is~~ is confidential and not subject to inspection or copying  
21 under s. 19.35.

