



2019 SENATE BILL 230

May 23, 2019 - Introduced by Senators KOOYENGA, L. TAYLOR, CARPENTER, JACQUE and FEYEN, cosponsored by Representatives L. MYERS, ROHRKASTE, STUBBS, OHNSTAD, CROWLEY and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Universities, Technical Colleges, Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 118.19 (3) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** teacher preparatory
2 programs and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes the state superintendent of public instruction to approve a teacher preparatory program if the program requires students to complete the equivalent of the student teaching required under current law, as determined by the state superintendent by rule. Under current law, the state superintendent may approve a teacher preparatory program only if students in the program are required to complete student teaching that consists of full days for a full semester at a cooperating elementary or secondary school. Current law further specifies that the hours, days, and semester of student teaching are determined based on the cooperating school's schedule.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.19 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 118.19 (3) (a) No license to teach in any public school may be issued unless the
5 applicant possesses a bachelor's degree including such professional training as the
6 department by rule requires, except as permitted under par. (b) and ss. 115.28 (17)

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1 (a), 118.191, 118.1915, 118.192, 118.193, 118.194, and 118.197. Notwithstanding s.
2 36.11 (16), no teacher preparatory program in this state may be approved by the state
3 superintendent under s. 115.28 (7) (a), unless each student in the program is
4 required to complete student teaching consisting of full days for a full semester
5 following the daily schedule and semester calendar of the cooperating school or the
6 equivalent, as determined by the state superintendent. No license to teach in any
7 public school may be granted to an applicant who completed a professional training
8 program outside this state unless the applicant completed student teaching
9 consisting of full days for a full semester following the daily schedule and semester
10 calendar of the cooperating school or the equivalent, as determined by the state
11 superintendent. The state superintendent may grant exceptions to the student
12 teaching requirements under this paragraph when the midyear calendars of the
13 institution offering the teacher preparatory program and the cooperating school
14 differ from each other and would prevent students from attending classes at the
15 institution in accordance with the institution's calendar. The state superintendent
16 shall promulgate rules to implement this subsection. If for the purpose of granting
17 a license to teach or for approving a teacher preparatory program the state
18 superintendent requires that an institution of higher education be accredited, the
19 state superintendent shall accept accreditation by a regional or national
20 institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. department of education or
21 by a programmatic accrediting organization.

22 (END)