



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE BILL 497

October 16, 2023 - Introduced by Senators PFAFF, LARSON, L. JOHNSON, HESSELBEIN, SMITH, AGARD, SPREITZER and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representatives SHELTON, SHANKLAND, C. ANDERSON, CLANCY, JACOBSON, MYERS, BARE, MADISON, CABRERA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, JOERS, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SUBECK, VINING, STUBBS, MOORE OMOKUNDE, J. ANDERSON and NEUBAUER. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 119.04 (1); and **to create** 20.255 (2) (e) and 118.237 of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** grants to school districts to pay student teachers an
3 hourly wage, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Beginning in the 2024-25 school year, this bill requires a school board to pay each student teacher who student teaches in the school district an hourly wage of at least \$15 per hour. The bill also requires the Department of Public Instruction to reimburse school boards for the cost of paying student teachers an hourly wage of \$15 per hour. Under the bill, annually on the third Monday in June, DPI must provide aid to school boards in an amount equal to \$15 times the total number of hours student teachers student taught in the school district during the preceding school term.

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

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.255 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
5 20.255 (2) (e) *Student teacher compensation grants.* A sum sufficient for aid
6 under s. 118.237 to pay student teachers an hourly wage.

SENATE BILL 497**SECTION 2**

1 **SECTION 2.** 118.237 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **118.237 Student teachers; compensation. (1)** In this section:

3 (a) “Institution of higher education” means a postsecondary institution located
4 in this state that provides an educational program for which it awards a bachelor’s
5 or higher degree and that is listed in the U.S. department of education’s database of
6 accredited postsecondary institutions and programs.

7 (b) “Student teacher” means an individual enrolled in an institution of higher
8 education who is participating in the student teaching component of a teacher
9 preparatory program approved under s. 115.28 (7) (a).

10 **(2)** Beginning in the 2024-25 school year, a school board shall pay a student
11 teacher who is participating in the student teaching component of a teacher
12 preparatory program at a school in the school district an hourly wage of at least \$15
13 for the hours the student teacher participates in the student teaching component in
14 the school district.

15 **(3)** Annually on the 3rd Monday of June, for each student teacher who
16 participated in the student teaching component of a teacher preparatory program in
17 a school district during the preceding school term, the department shall pay the
18 school board of the school district an amount determined by multiplying \$15 times
19 the number of hours the student teacher participated in the student teaching
20 component of the teacher preparatory program in the school district during the
21 preceding school term, as reported to the department by the school board. The
22 department shall make payments under this subsection from the appropriation
23 under s. 20.255 (2) (e).

24 **(4)** The department may promulgate rules to administer this section.

