



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 36

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1 **AN ACT to create** 119.23 (2) (a) 6. of the statutes; **relating to:** background
2 investigations of applicants for employment in, and employes of, private
3 schools participating in the Milwaukee parental choice program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of public instruction (DPI) may not grant a license to an individual who has been convicted of any of a number of specified crimes. With the assistance of the department of justice, DPI must conduct a background investigation of each applicant for issuance or renewal of a license or permit to determine whether the applicant has been convicted of any of those crimes.

This bill requires each private school that wishes to participate in the Milwaukee parental choice program (which allows a certain number of pupils in the city of Milwaukee to attend a private school at state expense) to conduct a background investigation of each applicant for employment in the private school and, once every 5 years, of each private school employe, that is similar to the background investigation conducted by DPI for license issuance or renewal. The requirement applies only to those applicants and employes who are not licensed by DPI but who would be required to be licensed if employed in a public school.

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

