



## 2015 SENATE BILL 494

January 4, 2016 – Introduced by Senator OLSEN, cosponsored by Representative KNUDSON. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 118.194 (1) (b) and 118.194 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** an  
2           initial teaching license based on completion of a Montessori teacher education  
3           program.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill expands the teacher education programs that satisfy a requirement for obtaining an initial teaching license under the alternative teacher licensure path described below to include teacher education programs approved by the Association Montessori Internationale.

2015 Wisconsin Act 55 created an alternative teacher licensure path for an individual who satisfies the following requirements:

1. The individual has a bachelor's degree.
  2. The individual successfully completed a teacher education program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education.
  3. The individual successfully completed a three-credit introductory course in special education.
  4. The individual received a passing score on any standardized examination the Department of Public Instruction requires to obtain an equivalent license under the traditional licensing path and the Foundations of Reading test.
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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

