



1995 ENGROSSED ASSEMBLY BILL 237

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1 AN ACT *to create* 118.19 (11) of the statutes; **relating to:** teacher training in
2 phonics.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Engrossment information:

The text of Engrossed 1995 Assembly Bill 237 consists of the following documents adopted in the assembly on November 9, 1995: Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, as affected by Assembly Amendments 1, 2 and 3.

Contents of Engrossed 1995 Assembly Bill 237:

This bill provides that, beginning on July 1, 1998, the state superintendent of public instruction may not issue or renew a license that authorizes the holder to teach reading or language arts to pupils in any prekindergarten class or in any of the grades from kindergarten to 6 unless the applicant has successfully completed instruction preparing the applicant to teach reading and language arts using phonics.

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

3 SECTION 1. 118.19 (11) of the statutes is created to read:
4 118.19 (11) Beginning on July 1, 1998, the state superintendent may not issue
5 or renew a license that authorizes the holder to teach reading or language arts to
6 pupils in any prekindergarten class or in any of the grades from kindergarten to 6
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1 to teach reading and language arts using phonics. The instruction need not be
2 provided as a separate course. In this subsection, “phonics” means a method of
3 teaching beginners to read and pronounce words by learning the phonetic value of
4 letters, letter groups and syllables.

5 (END)