## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 730

January 16, 2002 – Introduced by Representatives Musser, Hines, Loeffelholz, Owens and Townsend. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT *to repeal* 20.255 (2) (fk) and 115.405; and *to amend* 115.28 (7) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** teacher licensure requirements imposed on school boards, repealing the peer review and mentoring grant program, and granting rule–making authority.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The department of public instruction (DPI) has promulgated administrative rules establishing initial educator licenses for beginning teachers and professional educator licenses for more experienced teachers. These rules also require school boards to mentor, orient, instruct, and review teachers holding the initial educator license. This bill prohibits DPI from imposing these initial educator requirements on school boards.

Current law authorizes DPI to award grants to school districts and cooperative educational service agencies to implement peer review and mentoring programs. This bill repeals this grant program.

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:

**SECTION 1.** 20.255 (2) (fk) of the statutes is repealed.

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**Section 2.** 115.28 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

establishing standards of attainment and procedures for the examination and licensing of teachers within the limits prescribed in ss. 118.19 (2) and (3), 118.192 and 118.195, except that the department may not require a school board to mentor, review, orient, or instruct a teacher licensed under this subsection; prescribe by rule standards and procedures for the approval of teacher preparatory programs leading to licensure,; file in the state superintendent's office all papers relating to state teachers' licenses; and register each such license.

**SECTION 3.** 115.405 of the statutes is repealed.

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