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FOR 2001-03 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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10 at least one of the following apply:

11 1. The person has a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher
12 education in a field related to the subject that he or she will teach.

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16 of the U.S. armed forces for at least 5 consecutive years, was discharged under
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18 field related to the subject that he or she will teach.

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22 related to mathematics, English, social studies, or science.

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2 license to the person that shall be considered retroactively effective to the date that
3 the temporary license was granted.

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8 who holds a valid license as a teacher issued by another state.

9 (b) If the department establishes different levels of teacher licensure under s.
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14 118.38 (1) (a) 7. ~~Licensure or certification~~ Certification under s. 115.28 (7) or
15 (7m) ~~other than the licensure of the school district administrator or business~~
16 ~~manager.~~

17 **SECTION 9140. Nonstatutory provisions; public instruction.**

18 (1) ESTIMATE OF MENTOR COSTS. By July 1, 2003, the department of public
19 instruction shall submit to the department of administration and the legislative
20 fiscal bureau an estimate of the costs of requiring school districts to provide a
21 qualified mentor for each person who holds an initial educator license, as provided
22 under s. PI 34.17 (2) (c), Wis. Adm. Code.

23 **SECTION 9340. Initial applicability; public instruction.**

24 (1) TEACHER LICENSURE. The treatment of sections 115.28 (7) (a), (c), and (e) 2.,
25 118.19 (3) (a), (4m), (6), (7), (8), (9) (a) (intro.), (12), (13), and (14), and 118.38 (1) (a)

1 7. of the statutes first applies to license applications received by the department of
2 public instruction on the effective date of this subsection.

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Grant, Peter

From: Milioto, Steve
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2001 2:44 PM
To: Grant, Peter
Subject: Draft 1151

Hi Peter --

The fun never stops with the teacher licensure draft (1151). Here are the latest additions:

- 1) Any person who attains a temporary initial teaching license under 118.19 (13), must complete an alternative teacher training program before the temporary initial teaching license expires within two years.
- 2) An alternative teacher training program shall consist of at least 100 hours of classroom instruction.
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- 6) Convert DPI draft 0124/P2 into a DOA draft and fold into draft 1151.

Let me know if you have any questions. Best, Steve

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Steve will get back to me on this 1-4.



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(1) ESTIMATE OF MENTOR COSTS. By July 1, 2003, the department of public instruction shall submit to the department of administration and the legislative fiscal bureau an estimate of the costs of requiring school districts to provide a qualified mentor for each person who holds an initial educator license, as provided under s. PI 34.17 (2) (c), Wis. Adm. Code.

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~~An alternative teacher training program~~

NOT - The department may not approve an
alternative teacher training program for
the purposes of this paragraph unless it
consists of at least ¹⁰⁰ 100 hours of
instruction over the course of no more
than 2 years.



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FOR 2001-03 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Under current law, a person must hold a license to teach granted by DPI in order to be employed as a teacher in a public school in this state. In general, licensure requires completion of a professional education program approved by DPI, including completion of a certain number of credits in specified subjects, student teaching, a criminal background investigation, and payment of a fee.

This bill directs DPI, upon the request of a school board, to grant a temporary initial teaching license to any person who satisfies all of the requirements for an initial license other than the educational requirements if the school board making the request intends to employ the person as a teacher and the school board determines that the person has a bachelor's degree, or at least five years of practical experience, in a field that is related to the subject that he or she will be teaching, or served at least five years in the U.S. armed forces and has practical or teaching experience in a field related to the subject he or she will be teaching. The temporary license is valid for two years and may not be renewed. However, if the licensee completes an alternative teacher training program during the two-year period, DPI must grant a five-year, renewable, initial teaching license to the person that is considered retroactively effective to the date that the temporary license was granted.

Recent administrative rules promulgated by DPI establish three levels of teacher licensure: initial educator, professional educator, and master educator. This

bill directs DPI to grant an initial license to teach to any person who holds a valid license as a teacher issued by another state. This bill also directs DPI to grant the highest level of license (currently, the master educator license) to any person who holds a valid license as a teacher issued by another state and is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

With certain exceptions, current law authorizes DPI, upon the request of a school board, to waive any school district requirements in the statutes or rules governing elementary and secondary education. One of the requirements that DPI is not authorized to waive is the requirement that all teachers in the public schools hold a license to teach granted by DPI. This bill allows DPI to waive this requirement.

DPI's administrative rules establishing three levels of licensure require each school district to provide a mentor to each teacher employed by the school district who holds an initial educator license. The requirement first applies in the 2004-05 school year. This bill directs DPI to submit to DOA and the legislative fiscal bureau, by July 1, 2003, an estimate of the costs of imposing the mentor requirement.

Under current law, DPI awards grants to Wisconsin residents who are licensed by DPI and employed as teachers in Wisconsin and who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. This bill repeals the grant program's residency requirement.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 115.28 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 115.28 (7) (a) License all teachers for the public schools of the state, make rules
3 establishing standards of attainment and procedures for the examination and
4 licensing of teachers within the limits prescribed in ss. 118.19 (2) and (3), 118.192,
5 and 118.195, prescribe by rule standards and procedures for the approval of teacher
6 preparatory programs leading to licensure, file in the state superintendent's office
7 all papers relating to state teachers' licenses, and register each such license.

8 **SECTION 2.** 115.28 (7) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 115.28 (7) (c) Subject to ~~ss.~~ ss. 118.19 (4m) and 118.195, license and make rules
10 for the examination and licensing of persons, including teachers, employed to

1 provide publicly funded special education and related services, as those terms are
2 defined in s. 115.76 (14) and (15).

3 **SECTION 3.** 115.28 (7) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 115.28 (7) (e) 2. ~~Promulgate~~ Subject to ss. 118.19 and 118.195, promulgate rules
5 establishing requirements for licensure as an alternative education program teacher
6 and for the approval of teacher education programs leading to licensure as an
7 alternative education program teacher. The rules shall encompass the teaching of
8 multiple subjects or grade levels or both, as determined by the state superintendent.
9 The rules may require teacher education programs to grant credit towards licensure
10 as an alternative education program teacher for relevant experience or
11 demonstrated proficiency in relevant skills and knowledge.

12 **SECTION 4.** 115.29 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

13 115.29 (6) LICENSING OF TEACHERS. Establish different levels of teacher
14 licensure, such as initial, professional, and master licenses, and promulgate rules
15 establishing different standards for each level.

16 **SECTION 5.** 115.42 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

17 **SECTION 6.** 115.42 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 115.42 (1) (b) The grant under this subsection shall be an amount equal to the
19 costs of obtaining certification under par. (a) 1. that are borne by the person, not to
20 exceed \$2,000. The department shall award the grant under this subsection ~~in the~~
21 ~~school year in which the person is certified under par. (a) 1., except that if the person~~
22 ~~becomes certified under par. (a) 1. while he or she is not a resident of this state, the~~
23 ~~department shall award the grant under this subsection in the first school year in~~
24 which the person meets the requirements under par. (a).

1 **SECTION 7.** 115.42 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 115.42 (2) (a) (intro.)
2 and amended to read:

3 115.42 (2) (a) (intro.) The department shall award ~~a 9 grants of \$2,500 grant~~
4 each to each person who received a grant under sub. (1) ~~in each of the 9 school years~~
5 ~~following the school year in which he or she received the grant~~ if the person satisfies
6 all of the following requirements:

7 **SECTION 8.** 115.42 (2) (a) and (b) of the statutes are renumbered 115.42 (2) (a)
8 1. and 2.

9 **SECTION 9.** 115.42 (2) (bL) of the statutes is created to read:

10 115.42 (2) (bL) The department shall award the grants under this subsection
11 annually, one grant in each of the school years following the school year in which the
12 grant under sub. (1) was awarded and in which the person satisfies the requirements
13 under par. (a).

14 **SECTION 10.** 115.42 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 11.** 115.42 (2) (d) of the statutes is renumbered 115.42 (2) (a) 4.

16 **SECTION 12.** 118.19 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 118.19 (3) (a) No license to teach in any public school may be issued unless the
18 applicant possesses a bachelor's degree including such professional training as the
19 department by rule requires, ~~except as permitted under par. (b), subs. (13) and (14),~~
20 and ss. 115.28 (17) (a) and 118.192. Notwithstanding s. 36.11 (16), no teacher
21 preparatory program in this state may be approved by the state superintendent
22 under s. 115.28 (7) (a), unless each student in the program is required to complete
23 student teaching consisting of full days for a full semester following the daily
24 schedule and semester calendar of the cooperating school. ~~No~~ Except as provided in
25 subs. (13) and (14), no license to teach in any public school may be granted to an

1 applicant who completed a professional training program outside this state unless
2 the applicant completed student teaching consisting of full days for a full semester
3 following the daily schedule and semester calendar of the cooperating school or the
4 equivalent, as determined by the state superintendent. The state superintendent
5 may grant exceptions to the student teaching requirements under this paragraph
6 when the midyear calendars of the institution offering the teacher preparatory
7 program and the cooperating school differ from each other and would prevent
8 students from attending classes at the institution in accordance with the
9 institution's calendar. The state superintendent shall promulgate rules to
10 implement this subsection.

11 **SECTION 13.** 118.19 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 118.19 (4m) The Except as provided in subs. (13) and (14), the state
13 superintendent may not issue or renew a license to teach the visually impaired
14 unless the applicant demonstrates, based on criteria established by the state
15 superintendent by rule, that he or she is proficient in reading and writing braille and
16 in teaching braille. In promulgating rules under this subsection, the state
17 superintendent shall take into consideration the standard used by the librarian of
18 congress for certifying braille transcribers.

19 **SECTION 14.** 118.19 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 118.19 (6) In granting ~~certificates or~~ licenses for the teaching of courses in
21 economics, social studies, or agriculture, adequate instruction in cooperative
22 marketing and consumers' cooperatives shall be required. In granting ~~certificates~~
23 ~~or~~ licenses for the teaching of courses in science or social studies, adequate
24 instruction in the conservation of natural resources shall be required. This
25 subsection does not apply to a license granted under sub. (13) or (14).

1 **SECTION 15.** 118.19 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 118.19 (7) ~~No certificate or~~ Except as provided in subs. (13) and (14), no license
3 to teach industrial arts subjects may be issued unless the applicant has had 3 years
4 of practical experience beyond apprenticeship or 4 years of institutional training in
5 such subjects. ~~For purposes of salary schedules and promotion, any person teaching~~
6 ~~an industrial arts subject on January 1, 1936, who had 5 years of practical or teaching~~
7 ~~experience in such subject shall be deemed to have the equivalent of a bachelor's~~
8 ~~degree.~~

9 **SECTION 16.** 118.19 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 118.19 (8) ~~The~~ Except as provided in subs. (13) and (14), the state
11 superintendent may not grant to any person a license to teach unless the person has
12 received instruction in the study of minority group relations, including instruction
13 in the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the federally recognized American
14 Indian tribes and bands located in this state.

15 **SECTION 17.** 118.19 (9) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 118.19 (9) (a) (intro.) ~~Except as provided in par. (b) and~~ subs. (13) and (14), the
17 state superintendent may not issue an initial teaching license, school district
18 administrator's license, or school administrator's license unless the applicant has
19 demonstrated competency in all of the following:

20 **SECTION 18.** 118.19 (12) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 118.19 (12) ~~Beginning~~ Except as provided in subs. (13) and (14), beginning on
22 July 1, 1998, the department may not issue or renew a license that authorizes the
23 holder to teach reading or language arts to pupils in any prekindergarten class or in
24 any of the grades from kindergarten to 6 unless the applicant has successfully
25 completed instruction preparing the applicant to teach reading and language arts

1 using appropriate instructional methods, including phonics. The phonics
2 instruction need not be provided as a separate course. In this subsection, "phonics"
3 means a method of teaching beginners to read and pronounce words by learning the
4 phonetic value of letters, letter groups, and syllables.

5 **SECTION 19.** 118.19 (13) of the statutes is created to read:

6 118.19 (13) (a) Upon request by a school board, the department shall grant a
7 temporary initial teaching license to any person who satisfies all of the requirements
8 for an initial teaching license other than the educational requirements if the school
9 board states in its request that it intends to employ the person as a teacher and that
10 at least one of the following apply:

11 1. The person has a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher
12 education in a field related to the subject that he or she will teach.

13 2. The person has at least 5 years of practical or teaching experience in a field
14 related to the subject that he or she will teach.

15 3. The person served in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated as part
16 of the U.S. armed forces for at least 5 consecutive years, was discharged under
17 conditions other than dishonorable, and has practical or teaching experience in a
18 field related to the subject that he or she will teach.

19 (b) If the board intends to employ the person as a teacher in grades
20 kindergarten to 5, the requirement under par. (a) 1. and 2. is satisfied if the person
21 has a bachelor's degree or at least 5 years of practical or teaching experience in a field
22 related to mathematics, English, social studies, or science.

23 (c) A temporary license granted under par. (a) is valid for 2 years and may not
24 be renewed. If a person who has been granted a temporary license under par. (a)
25 completes an alternative teacher training program approved by the department

1 before the expiration of the temporary license, the department shall grant an initial
2 teaching license to the person that shall be considered retroactively effective to the
3 date that the temporary license was granted. The department may not approve an
4 alternative teacher training program for the purposes of this paragraph unless it
5 consists of at least 100 hours of instruction over the course of no more than 2 years.

6 **SECTION 20.** 118.19 (14) of the statutes is created to read:

7 118.19 (14) Subject to subs. (1m), (1r), (1s), (4), and (10), the department shall
8 do all of the following:

9 (a) Except as provided in par. (b), grant an initial teacher's license to any person
10 who holds a valid license as a teacher issued by another state.

11 (b) If the department establishes different levels of teacher licensure under s.
12 115.29 (6), grant the highest level of teacher's license to any person who holds a valid
13 license as a teacher issued by another state and is certified by the National Board
14 for Professional Teaching Standards.

15 **SECTION 21.** 118.38 (1) (a) 7. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 118.38 (1) (a) 7. ~~Licensure or certification~~ Certification under s. 115.28 (7) ~~or~~
17 (7m) ~~other than the licensure of the school district administrator or business~~
18 ~~manager.~~

19 **SECTION 9140. Nonstatutory provisions; public instruction.**

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24 under section PI 34.17 (2) (c), Wisconsin Administrative Code.

25 **SECTION 9340. Initial applicability; public instruction.**

