

2001 SENATE BILL 302

October 31, 2001 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 15.373 (2), 35.81 (1), 43.01 (2), 115.43 (1) and 121.845 (2) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** the name of the division for libraries and community
3 learning in the department of public instruction and the definition of minority
4 group (suggested as remedial legislation by the department of public
5 instruction).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill changes the name of the division for libraries and community learning in the department of public instruction to the division for libraries, technology, and community learning.

The bill also modifies the definition of “minority group pupil” for the minority group pupil scholarship program and the special transfer program (commonly known as chapter 220). The bill deletes “Spanish-surnamed American” and substitutes “Hispanic”; deletes “Oriental American” and substitutes “person of Asian or Pacific Island origin”; changes “Black American” to “Black or African American”; and adds “Alaskan native.”

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the law revision committee of the joint legislative council.

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

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LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the department of public instruction and introduced by the law revision committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the law revision committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1 **SECTION 1.** 15.373 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 15.373 (2) DIVISION FOR LIBRARIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND COMMUNITY LEARNING. There
3 is created in the department of public instruction a division for libraries, technology,
4 and community learning.

****NOTE: SECTIONS 1, 2 and 3 of this bill change the name of the “Division for Libraries and Community Learning” to the “Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning.” According to the department of public instruction, the name of its “Libraries and Community Learning Division” was changed to the “Division for Libraries, Technology and Community Learning” in 1998.

5 **SECTION 2.** 35.81 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 35.81 (1) “Division” means the division for libraries, technology, and
7 community learning in the department of public instruction.

8 **SECTION 3.** 43.01 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 43.01 (2) “Division” means the division for libraries, technology, and
10 community learning in the department.

11 **SECTION 4.** 115.43 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 115.43 (1) DEFINITION. In this section, “minority group pupil” means a pupil
13 who is ~~a~~ Black or African American, an Hispanic, American Indian, ~~a~~ spanish
14 surnamed American or an Oriental American an Alaskan native, or a person of Asian
15 or Pacific Island origin.

****NOTE: SECTIONS 4 and 5 of this bill change the definition of “minority group pupil” in the minority group pupil scholarship program and special transfer program from “a pupil who is a Black American, a native American, a Spanish-surnamed American or an Oriental American to “a pupil who is Black or African American, Hispanic, American Indian, an Alaskan native or a person of Asian or Pacific Island origin.” According to the department of public instruction, the current definition of “minority pupil” is not consistent with the federal definition of race and ethnicity categories, and excludes individuals that may be identified as minority students.

