



## 2005 SENATE BILL 604

February 15, 2006 – Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, PLALE and GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives HONADEL, MUSSER, F. LASEE, ALBERS, JESKEWITZ and TOWNSEND. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 118.165 (1) (intro.) and 118.165 (2); and **to create** 118.165 (1m)  
2           of the statutes; **relating to:** statutory requirements for private schools.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, an institution is a private school if its educational program meets all of the following criteria:

1. The primary purpose of the program is to provide private or religious-based education.
2. The program is privately controlled.
3. The program provides at least 875 hours of instruction each school year.
4. The program provides a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction in specified subjects.
5. The program is not operated or instituted for the purpose of avoiding or circumventing the compulsory school attendance law.
6. The pupils in the institution's educational program, in the ordinary course of events, return annually to the homes of their parents or guardians for not less than two months of summer vacation, or the institution is licensed as a child welfare agency.

This bill provides that an institution is also considered a private school if it complies with items 1. to 5., above, and the parents or guardians of all the pupils who

