2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 964

March 1, 2016 – Introduced by Representative SCHRAA, cosponsored by Senator GUDEX. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to amend 118.60 (2) (a) 6. a and 119.23 (2) (a) 6. a.; and to create 118.60 (2) (a) 6. e. and 119.23 (2) (a) 6. d. of the statutes; relating to: licensure for substitute teachers at private schools participating in a parental choice program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill exempts certain substitute teachers from the requirement to have a bachelor’s degree or higher educational credential, or a teaching license issued by the Department of Public Instruction, as a prerequisite to teaching at a private school participating in a parental choice program.

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

SECTION 1. 118.60 (2) (a) 6. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is amended to read:

118.60 (2) (a) 6. a. Except as provided in subd. 6. c. and d., and e., all of the private school’s teachers have a teaching license issued by the department or a
bachelor’s degree or a degree or educational credential higher than a bachelor’s degree, including a masters or doctorate, from a nationally or regionally accredited institution of higher education.

**SECTION 2.** 118.60 (2) (a) 6. e. of the statutes is created to read:

118.60 (2) (a) 6. e. The requirement under subd. 6. a. does not apply to an individual employed as a substitute teacher at a private school in the 2015−16 school year or in any school year thereafter if the individual has been employed as a substitute teacher at the same private school for at least 5 consecutive school years preceding the 2015−16 school year and the private school first participated in the program under this section after July 1, 2015.

**SECTION 3.** 119.23 (2) (a) 6. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is amended to read:

119.23 (2) (a) 6. a. Except as provided in subd. 6. c. and d., all of the private school’s teachers have a teaching license issued by the department or a bachelor’s degree or a degree or educational credential higher than a bachelor’s degree, including a masters or doctorate, from a nationally or regionally accredited institution of higher education.

**SECTION 4.** 119.23 (2) (a) 6. d. of the statutes is created to read:

119.23 (2) (a) 6. d. The requirement under subd. 6. a. does not apply to an individual employed as a substitute teacher at a private school in the 2015−16 school year or in any school year thereafter if the individual has been employed as a substitute teacher at the same private school for at least 5 consecutive school years preceding the 2015−16 school year and the private school first participated in the program under this section after July 1, 2015.