

2019 DRAFTING REQUEST

Bill

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Require cursive in elementary school

Instructions:

See attached

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Hi Fern,

Thank you for drafting LRB 1340, the cursive bill. Can we get it as a /1 as soon as possible? We would like to circulate it to the entire Legislature right away this morning.

Rep. Thiesfeldt will be the Assembly lead on this bill.

Thank you,  
Katie

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In 8-23 now

**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

1 **AN ACT to create** 115.28 (56), 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. L., 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. L., 118.60 (2)  
2 (a) 9., 119.23 (2) (a) 9. and 121.02 (1) (k) 4. of the statutes; **relating to:**  
3 incorporating cursive writing into the state model English language arts  
4 standards and requiring cursive writing in elementary grades.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires the state superintendent of public instruction to incorporate cursive writing into the model academic standards for English language arts. This bill also requires a school board, independent charter school, and private school participating in a parental choice program to include cursive writing in its respective curriculum for the elementary grades. Specifically, each elementary school curriculum must include the objective that pupils be able to write legibly in cursive by the end of fifth grade.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 115.28 (56) of the statutes is created to read:

1           115.28 **(56)** ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARDS. Incorporate cursive writing  
2 into the model academic standards for English language arts.

3           **SECTION 2.** 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. L. of the statutes is created to read:

4           118.40 **(2r)** (b) 2. L. If the contract is for the operation of a charter school that  
5 includes the elementary grades, a requirement that the charter school's curriculum  
6 include the academic objective in s. 121.02 (1) (k) 4.

7           **SECTION 3.** 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. L. of the statutes is created to read:

8           118.40 **(2x)** (b) 2. L. If the contract is for the operation of a charter school that  
9 includes the elementary grades, a requirement that the charter school's curriculum  
10 include the academic objective in s. 121.02 (1) (k) 4.

11          **SECTION 4.** 118.60 (2) (a) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

12          118.60 **(2)** (a) 9. If the private school operates elementary grades, a  
13 requirement that the private school's curriculum include the academic objective in  
14 s. 121.02 (1) (k) 4.

15          **SECTION 5.** 119.23 (2) (a) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

16          119.23 **(2)** (a) 9. If the private school operates elementary grades, a  
17 requirement that the private school's curriculum include the academic objective in  
18 s. 121.02 (1) (k) 4.

19          **SECTION 6.** 121.02 (1) (k) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

20          121.02 **(1)** (k) 4. By July 1, 2020, include in a language arts curriculum plan  
21 under this paragraph the academic objective that pupils be able to write legibly in  
22 cursive by the end of grade 5. This subdivision does not apply to union high school  
23 districts.

24          **SECTION 7. Initial applicability.**

1 (1) INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS. The treatment of s. 118.40 (2r) (b)  
2 2. L. and (2x) (b) 2. L. first applies to a contract that is entered into, renewed, or  
3 modified on the effective date of this subsection.

4 (2) PRIVATE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN A PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM. The treatment  
5 of ss. 118.60 (2) (a) 9. and 119.23 (2) (a) 9. first applies to an application to attend a  
6 private school under a parental choice program in the 2020-21 school year.

7 (END)