2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 105

March 22, 2019 - Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to create 115.28 (56) of the statutes; relating to: model academic standards for American Indian studies.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the state 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:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations.

The state superintendent of public instruction oversees a process of developing, approving, and revising academic standards. These standards serve as models for possible incorporation by a local school district.

This bill requires the state superintendent to develop model academic standards for American Indian studies. These standards must address certain historical and contemporary information that pupils are expected to know. At a minimum, this information must include significant events, tribal sovereignty, and culture relating to the federally recognized tribes and bands located in Wisconsin.

The standards are to be developed in consultation with the Wisconsin Indian Education Association, Inc.
SECTION 1. 115.28 (56) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (56) AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES; MODEL ACADEMIC STANDARDS. In consultation with Wisconsin Indian Education Association, Inc., develop model academic standards for American Indian studies under which pupils are expected to know contemporary and historical information related to at least all of the following:

(a) Significant events related to federally recognized American Indians tribes and bands located in this state.

(b) Tribal sovereignty of federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands located in this state.

(c) The culture of federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands located in this state.

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