October 14, 2021 - Introduced by Senators Petrowski, Ballweg, Jacque, Jagler, Testin, Wanggaard, Felzkowski and Marklein, cosponsored by Representatives Brooks, Callahan, Dallman, Dittrich, Magnafici, Moses, Snyder, Spiros and Wichgers. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Small Business and Rural Issues.

AN ACT to create 29.591 (1) (e) of the statutes; relating to: satisfying the hunter education field testing requirement with a mentored hunt.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources must establish a hunter education program that provides instruction in the responsibilities of hunters, how to recognize threatened and endangered species, and principles of wildlife management and conservation. One program offered by DNR requires individuals to complete an online course of instruction followed by in-person field testing. This bill provides that an individual may satisfy the in-person field testing requirement by participating in a mentored hunt.

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

SECTION 1. 29.591 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

29.591 (1) (e) If the department requires an individual to complete in-person field testing to complete the hunter education program under this section, the
individual may satisfy the in-person field testing requirement by participating in a mentored hunt that complies with the requirements specified under s. 29.592. (END)