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2021 Wisconsin Act 214
[2021 Senate Bill 589]

**FORT Exam Requirement
For Teacher Licensure**

PRIOR LAW

Prior state law required applicants for certain teacher licenses to pass a 2012 version of the Foundations of Reading test (FORT). Specifically, an applicant for an initial license as a reading teacher, as a teacher in grades K-5, or as a special education teacher was generally required to pass an exam identical to the FORT “administered in 2012 as part of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure.”

WISCONSIN ACT 214

Act 214 allows a teacher licensure applicant to pass either the 2012 version of FORT or the most recent edition of FORT.

Effective date: April 2, 2022

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