



## 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 947

January 30, 2006 - Introduced by Representatives McCORMICK, MUSSER, NISCHKE, BIES, PRIDEMORE, ALBERS, FIELDS, VAN ROY, KRAWCZYK, GUNDERSON, OTT and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, A. LASEE and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.40 (2r) (bm); and *to create* 118.40 (2r) (b) 1. e. of the  
2             statutes; **relating to:** the establishment of charter schools by certain colleges  
3             or universities.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, school boards may enter into contracts with individuals, groups, businesses, or governmental bodies to establish charter schools, which operate with fewer constraints than traditional public schools. Current law also permits the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the city of Milwaukee to operate charter schools (independent charter schools) directly or to contract for the operation of charter schools. With certain exceptions, only pupils who reside in the school district in which an independent charter school is located may attend the charter school. The operators of the independent charter schools receive state aid for each pupil attending the charter school.

This bill authorizes any college or university that is located on reservation or off-reservation trust land and that is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, to establish or contract for the establishment of charter schools. The bill requires that any charter schools established be located on reservation or off-reservation trust land. Only pupils who reside in the school district in which the charter school is located may attend the charter school.

