

PRELIMINARY DRAFT – NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 AN ACT *to amend* 118.40 (2r) (bm); and *to create* 15.97, 20.240 and 118.40 (2r)
2 (b) 1m. of the statutes; **relating to:** the creation of the Tribal Charter School
3 Authorizing Board, the establishment of charter schools by the board, and
4 making an appropriation.

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 creates an independent state agency, the Tribal Charter School Authorizing Board. The board consists of one member representing each of Wisconsin's 11 Indian tribes, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governing body of each tribe. The bill authorizes the board to 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.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 15.97 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **15.97 Tribal charter school authorizing board.** There is created a tribal
3 charter school authorizing board consisting of one person representing each of the
4 following tribes, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governing body of
5 that tribe:

6 **(1)** Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

7 **(2)** Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

8 **(3)** Forest County Potawatomi Indian Community.

9 **(4)** Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin.

10 **(5)** Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

11 **(6)** Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

12 **(7)** Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

13 **(8)** Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

14 **(9)** Sokaogon Chippewa (Mole Lake) Community of Wisconsin.

15 **(10)** St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin.

16 **(11)** Stockbridge-Munsee Community of Wisconsin.

17 **SECTION 2.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
18 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

1 2005-06 2006-07

2 **20.240 Tribal charter school authorizing board**

3 (1) AUTHORIZING CHARTER SCHOOLS

4 (a) General program operations GPR A -0- -0-

5 **SECTION 3.** 20.240 of the statutes is created to read:

6 **20.240 Tribal chart school authorizing board.** There is appropriated to
7 the tribal charter school authorizing board for the following program:

8 **(1) ESTABLISHING CHARTER SCHOOLS.** (a) *General program operations.* The
9 amounts in the schedule for general program operations of the tribal charter school
10 authorizing board.

11 **SECTION 4.** 118.40 (2r) (b) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:

12 118.40 **(2r)** (b) 1m. The tribal charter school authorizing board may initiate a
13 contract with an individual or group to operate a school as a charter school.

14 **SECTION 5.** 118.40 (2r) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 118.40 **(2r)** (bm) The common council of the city of Milwaukee, the chancellor
16 of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee area technical college
17 district board may only establish or enter into a contract for the establishment of a
18 charter school located in the school district operating under ch. 119. The chancellor
19 of the University of Wisconsin–Parkside may only establish or enter into a contract
20 for the establishment of a charter school located in a unified school district that is
21 located in the county in which the University of Wisconsin–Parkside is situated or
22 in an adjacent county. The tribal charter school authorizing board may only enter

1 into a contract for the establishment of a charter school located on reservation or
2 off-reservation trust land.

3 (END)