

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.40 (2r) (a); and *to create* 118.40 (2r) (a) 2. and 118.40 (2r) (b)
 2 1. e. of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing a tribal college to sponsor a charter
 3 school.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on State–Tribal Relations. Under current law, a school district may contract with another entity to operate a charter school within the district. The process may be commenced by a petition by the teachers of a school or of the district or on the school board’s own initiative. If approved, the proposed charter school is established by a contract between the school board and the charter school operator. In addition, the common council of the city of Milwaukee, the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin (UW)–Milwaukee, the chancellor of the UW–Parkside, and the Milwaukee area technical college district board may initiate a contract for the operation of a charter school. This draft authorizes a tribal college to initiate a contract for the operation of a charter school and creates a definition of “tribal college”.

4 **SECTION 1.** 118.40 (2r) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
 5 118.40 (2r) (a) In this subsection, ~~“instructional:~~
 6 1. “Instructional staff” has the meaning given in the rules promulgated by the
 7 department under s. 121.02 (1) (a) 2.

8 **SECTION 2.** 118.40 (2r) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:
 9 118.40 (2r) (a) 2. “Tribal college” means an accredited college operated or controlled
 10 by a federally–recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state [that meets the
 11 requirements of 25 USC 1804].

NOTE: This definition includes optional language in brackets. Without the bracketed language, the definition is substantially the same as the

