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State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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2019 BILL

1 AN ACT *to amend* 118.19 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** the American Indian studies requirement for teacher licensure.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the Notes provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations.

Subject to several exceptions, current law generally prohibits the state superintendent of public instruction from issuing a teaching license to a person unless that person has received instruction in minority group relations, including instruction in the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands located in Wisconsin. The bill modifies the instructional requirement, providing that a teacher license applicant must receive instruction in the culture, tribal sovereignty, and contemporary and historical significant events of the federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands located in Wisconsin.

- **Section 1.** 118.19 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 118.19 (8) The state superintendent may not grant to any person a license to 5 teach unless the person has received instruction in the study of minority group

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- 1 relations, including instruction in the history, culture and, tribal sovereignty, and
- 2 <u>contemporary and historical significant events</u> of the federally recognized American
- 3 Indian tribes and bands located in this state.

4 (END)