



State of Wisconsin
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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.19 (18) (bg) 1.; and *to create* 118.19 (18) (bp) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** a license that authorizes an individual to teach an
3 American Indian language in an American Indian language program and
4 modifying rules promulgated by the Department of Public Instruction.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows the Department of Public Instruction to issue lifetime licenses to teach an American Indian language in an American Indian language program only if the federally recognized American Indian tribe or band associated with the American Indian language authorizes lifetime licenses in that language. Under current law, an individual who holds any provisional teaching license is eligible for a lifetime license upon successfully completing six semesters of teaching experience. Under the bill and current law, there is no limit on the number of times that a provisional teaching license may be renewed.

Current law requires DPI to establish standards, by administrative rule, for certifying the abilities of teachers participating in American Indian language and culture education programs. Under current section PI 34.055 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, one of the requirements for a license to teach an American Indian language in an American Indian language program is that the applicant for the license must be certified as competent in the American Indian language by the applicable tribal council, tribal language division, or local American Indian parent advisory committee. Under the bill, if the federally recognized American Indian tribe or band associated with an American Indian language does not authorize lifetime

licenses for that language, the American Indian tribe or band must determine whether or not recertification as competent in the language is required to renew a license in that language, and if so, how often recertification must occur.

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.** 118.19 (18) (bg) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 118.19 (18) (bg) 1. The Except as provided in par. (bp), the department may
3 issue a lifetime license under this subdivision to an individual who obtained a
4 provisional license under par. (a) or (bc) if the individual has successfully completed
5 6 semesters of teaching, administrating, or pupil services experience, as defined by
6 the department by rule.

7 **SECTION 2.** 118.19 (18) (bp) of the statutes is created to read:

8 118.19 (18) (bp) Beginning on the effective date of this paragraph [LRB
9 inserts date], the department may issue a lifetime license that authorizes an
10 individual who holds the license to teach an American Indian language in an
11 American Indian language program only if the department receives a written notice
12 approving lifetime licenses in the American Indian language from the federally
13 recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state that is associated with the
14 American Indian language.

15 **SECTION 3.** PI 34.055 (3) of the administrative code is created to read:

16 PI 34.055 (3) RENEWAL. If a tribal government associated with a language
17 under sub. (1) does not submit a notice to the department under s. 118.19 (18) (bp),
18 Stats., that authorizes lifetime licenses in that language, the tribal government shall
19 notify the department, in writing, of all of the following:

(a) Whether or not recertification as competent in the associated American Indian language is required to renew a license in that American Indian language. If recertification is required under this paragraph, the associated tribal government shall determine which of the entities under sub. (2) (cm) 1. to 3. may do the recertification.

(b) If recertification is required to renew a license under par. (a), how frequently competency in the associated American Indian language must be recertified. A recertification period under this paragraph may not be longer than 5 years.

(END)