



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.19 (8) and 119.04 (1); and *to create* 115.28 (17m), 115.28
2 (57) and 120.12 (29) of the statutes; **relating to:** model academic standards
3 related to American Indian studies, informational materials related to a school
4 board's obligation to provide instruction on American Indians, and the
5 American Indian studies requirement for teacher licensure.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to incorporate American Indian studies into the model academic standards, to develop instructional materials for school boards related to school board obligations to provide instruction on American Indians, and to change the instruction related to American Indian studies that is required for an initial teaching license.

MODEL ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Currently, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction oversees a process of developing, approving, and revising academic standards. These standards serve as models for possible incorporation by school districts. The bill requires the SSPI to incorporate American Indian studies into the model academic standards. The standards must address certain historical and contemporary information that pupils are expected to know, including information about significant events, tribal sovereignty, and culture relating to the federally recognized tribes and bands located in Wisconsin. Under the bill, the SSPI must consult with the Wisconsin Indian Education Association, Inc., in developing these standards.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FOR SCHOOL BOARDS

Current law requires that each school board provide pupils with the following:

1. An instructional program that is designed to give pupils at all grade levels an understanding of human relations, particularly with regard to American Indians, Black Americans, and Hispanics.

2. As part of the social studies curriculum, instruction in the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands located in Wisconsin at least twice in the elementary grades and at least once in the high school grades.

Under the bill, DPI must develop informational materials related to these requirements for distribution to school boards annually. The bill requires DPI to develop and post these materials on DPI's website by September 1, 2024. DPI must update the materials in response to any changes to a school board's obligation to provide instruction related to American Indians. The bill also requires that, beginning in the 2024-25 school year, school boards annually provide the informational materials to school board members, school district administrators, certain individuals responsible for curriculum or staff development, principals, and social studies teachers.

TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENT

Current law generally prohibits DPI from issuing a teaching license to an individual unless the individual 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. Under the bill, an individual 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.

For further information see the state and local 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:

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

SECTION 1. 115.28 (17m) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (17m) AMERICAN INDIAN INSTRUCTION; INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS. (a)

Develop informational materials related to a school board's obligation to provide instruction related to American Indians, including all of the following:

1 1. An instructional program designed to give pupils an understanding of
2 human relations, particularly with regard to American Indians, as required under
3 s. 118.01 (2) (c) 8.

4 2. The instruction related to federally recognized American Indian tribes and
5 bands located in this state required under s. 121.02 (1) (L) 4.

6 (b) Update the materials under par. (a) as necessary to accurately reflect a
7 school board's obligation to provide instruction related to American Indians.

8 (c) Annually, provide the materials under par. (a) to school boards.

9 (d) Publish the materials under par. (a) on the department's website.

10 **SECTION 2.** 115.28 (57) of the statutes is created to read:

11 115.28 **(57)** AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES; MODEL ACADEMIC STANDARDS. In
12 consultation with Wisconsin Indian Education Association, Inc., incorporate
13 American Indian studies into the model academic standards. The state
14 superintendent shall ensure that, under those standards, pupils are expected to
15 know contemporary and historical information related to at least all of the following:

16 (a) Significant events related to the federally recognized American Indian
17 tribes and bands located in this state.

18 (b) Tribal sovereignty of the federally recognized American Indian tribes and
19 bands located in this state.

20 (c) The culture of the federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands
21 located in this state.

22 **SECTION 3.** 118.19 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 118.19 **(8)** The state superintendent may not grant to any person a license to
24 teach unless the person has received instruction in the study of minority group
25 relations, including instruction in the ~~history~~, culture and, tribal sovereignty, and

1 contemporary and historical significant events of the federally recognized American
2 Indian tribes and bands located in this state.

3 **SECTION 4.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 119.04 (1) Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.0235 (3) (c),
5 66.0603 (1m) to (3), 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343,
6 115.345, 115.363, 115.364, 115.365 (3), 115.366, 115.367, 115.38 (2), 115.415, 115.445,
7 118.001 to 118.04, 118.045, 118.06, 118.07, 118.075, 118.076, 118.10, 118.12, 118.125
8 to 118.14, 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18,
9 118.19, 118.196, 118.20, 118.223, 118.225, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6), (8), and (10),
10 118.245, 118.25, 118.255, 118.258, 118.291, 118.292, 118.293, 118.2935, 118.30 to
11 118.43, 118.46, 118.50, 118.51, 118.52, 118.53, 118.55, 118.56, 120.12 (2m), (4m), (5),
12 and (15) ~~to~~, (27), and (29), 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2) (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26),
13 (34), (35), (37), (37m), and (38), 120.137, 120.14, 120.20, 120.21 (3), and 120.25 are
14 applicable to a 1st class city school district and board but not, unless explicitly
15 provided in this chapter or in the terms of a contract, to the commissioner or to any
16 school transferred to an opportunity schools and partnership program.

17 **SECTION 5.** 120.12 (29) of the statutes is created to read:

18 120.12 (29) AMERICAN INDIAN INSTRUCTION; INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS. Annually,
19 provide the materials under s. 115.28 (17m) (a) to all of the following:

20 (a) Each school board member.

21 (b) The school district administrator.

22 (c) Any individual employed by the school district to work as a supervisor,
23 coordinator, or director of curriculum, instruction, or staff development, or an
24 equivalent position.

25 (d) Each principal employed by the school district.

1 (e) Each teacher who teaches social studies in the school district.

2 **SECTION 6. Nonstatutory provisions.**

3 (1) INITIAL MATERIALS; DEADLINE. The state superintendent of public instruction
4 shall develop the materials under s. 115.28 (17m) (a) and publish the materials on
5 the department of public instruction's website, as required under s. 115.28 (17m) (d),
6 by no later than September 1, 2024.

7 **SECTION 7. Initial applicability.**

8 (1) DISTRIBUTION OF INITIAL MATERIALS. The treatment of ss. 115.28 (17m) (c) and
9 120.12 (29) first applies to the 2024-25 school year.

10 (END)