



2023 SENATE BILL 335

June 14, 2023 - Introduced by Senators STROEBEL, BALLWEG, FELZKOWSKI, JAGLER, MARKLEIN and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives WITTKE, BINSFELD, BODDEN, BRANDTJEN, BROOKS, DONOVAN, GUNDRUM, GUSTAFSON, MAGNAFICI, MAXEY, MURPHY, O'CONNOR, RETTINGER and SCHRAA. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 19.42 (7w) (f); and *to create* 118.24 (1m) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** allowing school boards to employ a school district administrator
3 who is not licensed by the department of public instruction.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires school boards to ensure that every administrator holds a license issued by the Department of Public Instruction. Current law provides an exception to this requirement for a school district administrator elected by the school board of a first class city school district (currently, only Milwaukee Public Schools). This bill creates a similar exception for school boards of common, union high, or unified school districts. As a result, under the bill, all school boards are allowed to employ a school district administrator who is not licensed by DPI.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 19.42 (7w) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 19.42 (7w) (f) An employee of a school district who holds a school administrator
6 license or permit issued by the department of public instruction under rules
7 promulgated by the department under s. 118.19 and whose employment requires

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1 that the individual hold that license or permit, or who is employed as a school district
2 administrator, as defined in s. 115.001 (8).

3 **SECTION 2.** 118.24 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 118.24 **(1m)** Notwithstanding ss. 115.28 (7), 118.19 (1), and 121.02 (1) (a), a
5 school board may employ a school district administrator who is not licensed by the
6 department.

7 **(END)**