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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 964

March 1, 2016 - Introduced by Representative Schraa, cosponsored by Senator Gudex. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to amend 118.60 (2) (a) 6. a. and 119.23 (2) (a) 6. a.; and to create 118.60 (2) (a) 6. e. and 119.23 (2) (a) 6. d. of the statutes; relating to: licensure for substitute teachers at private schools participating in a parental choice program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill exempts certain substitute teachers from the requirement to have a bachelor's degree or higher educational credential, or a teaching license issued by the Department of Public Instruction, as a prerequisite to teaching at a private school participating in a parental choice program.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 118.60 (2) (a) 6. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is amended to read:
- 7 118.60 (2) (a) 6. a. Except as provided in subd. 6. c. and, d., and e., all of the 8 private school's teachers have a teaching license issued by the department or a

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bachelor's degree or a degree or educational credential higher than a bachelor's degree, including a masters or doctorate, from a nationally or regionally accredited institution of higher education.

Section 2. 118.60 (2) (a) 6. e. of the statutes is created to read:

118.60 (2) (a) 6. e. The requirement under subd. 6. a. does not apply to an individual employed as a substitute teacher at a private school in the 2015–16 school year or in any school year thereafter if the individual has been employed as a substitute teacher at the same private school for at least 5 consecutive school years preceding the 2015–16 school year and the private school first participated in the program under this section after July 1, 2015.

SECTION 3. 119.23 (2) (a) 6. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is amended to read:

119.23 (2) (a) 6. a. Except as provided in subd. 6. c. and d., all of the private school's teachers have a teaching license issued by the department or a bachelor's degree or a degree or educational credential higher than a bachelor's degree, including a masters or doctorate, from a nationally or regionally accredited institution of higher education.

Section 4. 119.23 (2) (a) 6. d. of the statutes is created to read:

119.23 (2) (a) 6. d. The requirement under subd. 6. a. does not apply to an individual employed as a substitute teacher at a private school in the 2015–16 school year or in any school year thereafter if the individual has been employed as a substitute teacher at the same private school for at least 5 consecutive school years preceding the 2015–16 school year and the private school first participated in the program under this section after July 1, 2015.