

State of Wisconsin



2021 Senate Bill 589

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2021 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to amend* 118.19 (14) (a) and 118.194 (1) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** the Foundations of Reading test licensure requirement.

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

SECTION 1. 118.19 (14) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.19 (14) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the department may not issue an initial teaching license that authorizes the holder to teach in grades kindergarten to 5 or in special education, an initial license as a reading teacher, or an initial license as a reading specialist, unless the applicant has passed an examination identical to the Foundations of Reading test administered in 2012 as part of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure or identical to the most recent edition of that test. The

department shall set the passing cut score on the examination at a level no lower than the level recommended by the developer of the test, based on this state's standards.

SECTION 2. 118.194 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.194 (1) (d) Earned a passing score on any standardized examinations required by the state superintendent for a license to teach the same educational levels and subjects issued in accordance with s. 118.19 and on an examination identical to the Foundations of Reading test administered in 2012 as part of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure or identical to the most recent edition of that test.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."