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CHAPTER 601.

AN ACT to amend section 37.13 and subsection (3) of section 40.63 of the statutes and to repeal subsections (2) to (5) inclusive of section 41.40 and sections 39.16 to 39.32 inclusive of the statutes and to create sections 39.16 to 39.325 inclusive, relating to certification of teachers.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 37.13 is amended to read: 37.13 Said board may grant diplomas in testimony of scholarship and ability to teach, but no such diploma shall be granted until such graduate shall have passed a thorough and satisfactory examination in the course of study prescribed by the board. When any such graduate has, after receiving such diploma, taught a public school in this state * * * *two years* the state superintendent may, after such examination as to moral character, learning and ability to teach as to him may seem proper, issue to such teacher an unlimited state certificate, and thereafter such unlimited certificate shall be evidence of his qualification to teach in any common school. The said board may also, on such conditions as they may determine, grant a certificate of attendance certifying that the holder has completed the elementary course in a normal school and is qualified to teach a common school; and the said superintendent may, upon conditions above prescribed respecting diplomas, issue a limited state certificate, and thereafter such certificate shall be evidence of his qualification to teach in any common school of the state.

The said board of regents may also on such conditions as they may determine, grant a certificate certifying that the holder has completed the course for teachers of country schools in a normal school and is * * * *of good moral character.* * * * *It shall also contain a list of the standings secured by the person on the completion of each of the studies pursued in the school.*

SECTION 2. Subsection (3) of section 40.63 is amended to read: (40.63) (3) Any person who shall complete in a satisfactory manner the course of study prescribed for such department in such high school, and who shall be of good moral character, shall receive a certificate, signed by the principal of such school and by the members of the board of education, of such high school district. Said certificate shall certify that the person therein named has satisfactorily completed the course of study prescribed for such teachers' training course, and is of good

moral character. It shall also contain a list of standings secured by the person on the completion of each of the studies pursued in the school. * * *

SECTION 3. Subsections (2) to (5) inclusive, of section 41.40 and sections 39.16 to 39.32 inclusive of the statutes are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. There are hereby created nineteen sections of the statutes to be numbered and to read: 39.16 (1) After September 1, 1919, any person to obtain any form of a license or certificate to teach in any public school in this state shall have completed at least two years of work in a high school having a four-year course of study or the full and fair equivalent of such work and in addition thereto shall have completed at least one year of instruction and training preparatory to the work of teaching; after September 1, 1923, every person to obtain any form of a license or certificate to teach in any public school in the state shall have completed a four-year high school course of study or the full and fair equivalent thereof and in addition thereto shall have completed at least one year of instruction and training preparatory to the work of teaching, provided that none of the restrictions mentioned in this subsection shall apply to any person who has had at least two years' experience in teaching in a public school or who holds an unexpired license or teachers' certificate. Any person to obtain any form of license to teach in any public school in any city or county of the state shall meet all other legal requirements for teachers' certificates. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the powers conferred by law upon the state board of examiners and upon the state superintendent in the issuance of state licenses and state certificates.

(2) The one year of additional instruction required in this section shall include a study of the branches required by law to be taught in the common schools of the state, the manual of the course of study and school management, at least ten weeks each of observation and practice teaching and such other studies as may be required by the state superintendent of public instruction.

(3) The one year of additional instruction and training beyond high school graduation or its equivalent may be obtained in a Wisconsin state normal school, a county training school for teachers, a Wisconsin high school offering a course legally authorized and established for the training of teachers or any public school in rank above high school offering a course for the training of

teachers equivalent to that offered in the state normal schools of Wisconsin.

39.17 (1) There shall be three grades of teachers' certificates to be known as first, second, and third. Each certificate shall show the branches in which the holder has been examined and his relative attainments in each branch. No person known to the examining officer to be of immoral character, deficient in learning or ability to teach, or unable to write and speak the English language with facility and correctness shall receive a certificate.

(2) Whenever the supply of legally qualified teachers in any county has been exhausted, the county superintendent with the approval of the state superintendent may issue special certificates on examination in the subjects required for a third grade certificate to as many persons as are necessary to supply the schools, provided that not more than two such special certificates shall be issued to the same person.

39.18 (1) Every applicant for a third grade certificate shall be examined in spelling, reading, penmanship, arithmetic, composition and grammar, geography, the history of the United States and of the state of Wisconsin, the civil government of the United States and of the state of Wisconsin, physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects of stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, school management, the manual of the elementary course of study for the common schools of Wisconsin, the elements of agriculture and rural economics, and cataloging and use of school libraries.

(2) (a) A third grade certificate shall entitle the holder to teach for such period, not more than one year, as may be specified therein in the superintendent's district in which the certificate is issued.

(b) A third grade certificate may be renewed if the holder shall during the life of the certificate or within one year after the expiration thereof attend a professional school for teachers for a period of not less than six weeks and shall receive in such school credits in at least two subjects required for a second grade certificate or shall pass an examination in two subjects required for a second grade certificate. In addition to the foregoing the applicant shall present satisfactory evidence of having completed the teachers' reading circle work as prescribed by the State Reading Circle Board. The holder of a third grade certificate may also renew the same by passing an examination in all the subjects required for a third grade certificate.

39.19 (1) An applicant to receive a second grade certificate

shall have taught successfully in the public schools for at least eight months and shall pass a satisfactory examination in all the branches required for a third grade certificate and in addition in general science and American Literature, and domestic science or manual training, provided the requirement as to experience shall not apply to persons who have completed the prescribed course for teachers of country schools in a normal school, a county training school, or a legally authorized teachers' training course in a high school. The superintendent may transfer to a second grade certificate the standings of a third grade certificate in force or which has expired not more than one year previously if the holder of such third grade certificate shall have attended a professional school for teachers for at least six weeks and received credit in at least two subjects required for a second grade certificate since receiving such third grade certificate or within one year after the expiration thereof. In addition to the foregoing the applicant shall present satisfactory evidence of having completed the teachers' reading circle work as prescribed by the State Reading Circle Board.

(2) (a) A second grade certificate shall entitle the holder to teach for such period, not more than three years, as may be specified therein in the superintendent's district in which the certificate is issued.

(b) A second grade certificate may be renewed without examination provided the holder thereof shall have taught successfully for two years during the life of such certificate and shall have attended a professional school for teachers for at least six weeks and received credit in at least two subjects required for a first grade certificate or shall pass an examination in two of the additional subjects required for a first grade certificate during the life of such certificate or within one year after the expiration thereof. In addition to the foregoing the applicant shall present satisfactory evidence of having completed, each year during the life of the certificate, the work of the teachers' reading circle prescribed by the State Reading Circle Board. A second grade certificate may also be renewed if the holder thereof shall pass an examination in all the subjects required for a second grade certificate.

39.20 (1) An applicant to receive a first grade certificate shall have taught successfully for at least eight months in the public schools and shall pass a satisfactory examination in all the branches required for a second grade certificate and in addition in English literature, modern history, theory and art of teaching,

and elementary algebra, provided the requirement as to experience shall not apply to persons who have completed the prescribed course for teachers of country schools in a normal school, a county training school, or a legally authorized teachers' training course of a high school. The superintendent may transfer to a first grade certificate the standings of a second grade certificate in force or which shall have expired not more than one year previously if the holder of such second grade certificate has taught a school successfully for at least eight months or shall have attended a professional school for teachers for at least six weeks and received credits in at least two subjects required for a first grade certificate since receiving such second grade certificate or within one year after the expiration thereof. In addition to the foregoing the applicant shall present satisfactory evidence of having completed, each year during the life of the certificate, the work of the teachers' reading circle prescribed by the State Reading Circle Board.

(2) (a) A first grade certificate shall entitle the holder to teach in the superintendent's district in which it is issued and shall be in force for five years.

(b) A first grade certificate may be renewed without examination for one or more periods of five years each, provided the holder shall have taught successfully for a period of five years, and in addition shall present satisfactory evidence of having completed, each year during the life of the certificate, the work of the teachers' reading circle prescribed by the State Reading Circle Board. A first grade certificate may also be renewed if the holder thereof shall pass an examination in all the subjects required for a first grade certificate.

39.21 Upon the presentation of a certificate of graduation from a course for teachers of country schools in a state normal school, a county training school or a legally authorized teachers' training course of a high school, the superintendent of the county in which such school is located shall and any other superintendent may issue a teachers' certificate of the grade to which the person is entitled on the basis of the standings appearing on the certificate of graduation. All such certificates shall be limited to one year, but after one year of successful teaching in the county the superintendent shall extend the first and second grade certificates four and two years respectively, provided the date of expiration of any first grade certificate shall not be more than five years and of any second grade certificate more than three years from the date of issue of the certificate of graduation on which such teachers' certificate is based. Any superintendent issuing a certificate in accordance with the provisions of this sec-

tion shall keep on file in the records of his office a list of all the standings appearing upon the certificate of graduation upon which the teachers' certificate is based.

39.22 Each county superintendent shall establish for his county subject to the approval of the state superintendent a standard of attainment in each branch of study which must be reached by each applicant before receiving a certificate. The standard so established shall be uniform in the county or superintendent district and no certificate shall be issued until the standard is established. The standard in the branches of study common to the third and second grade certificates shall be higher for the second than for the third grade certificate and the standard in branches common to the second and first grade certificates shall be higher for the first grade than for the second grade certificate. The county superintendent may demand an examination in such additional branches as the applicant may be required to teach and whenever he shall deem it necessary he may require a re-examination of any teacher in his county or superintendent district for the purpose of ascertaining his qualifications to continue as such teacher.

39.23 (1) The superintendent may in his discretion in any examination for a second certificate accept standings on papers written by the applicant in the preceding examination not to exceed five in number in lieu of re-examination in the subjects for which the standings are so accepted, provided the applicant shall have taught successfully in the county or superintendent district for one year on a certificate previously issued by him.

(2) Any superintendent is hereby authorized in his discretion to accept standings obtained by completion of studies in any normal school of the state, county training school, or a legally authorized teachers' training course of a high school when duly certified by the proper authority of such school in lieu of actual examination by said superintendent at any time within five years after completion of the course in said school. In case the course shall not have been completed, standings may be accepted as herein provided at any time within five years after such standings were recorded in said school.

(3) In any examination for the issuance or for the renewal of a teachers' certificate the county or city superintendent may at his discretion accept as a substitute for examination in any required subject in which the applicant shall have previously passed a satisfactory examination in writing for a teachers' certificate evidence of the satisfactory reading by the applicant during the life of the certificate then in force or which expired not

more than two months previously one book included in the list of books of the Wisconsin Teachers' Reading Circle, which list shall have been approved by the state superintendent and which shall have been prescribed for the group of teachers to which the applicant belongs. Such reading shall have been additional to that required for the registration of the applicant's reading circle certificate and in the case of each book shall have been done within the period when said book was on the reading circle list.

39.24 It shall not be lawful for any superintendent to endorse a certificate issued by any other superintendent nor to extend the life of any certificate beyond the limits fixed by law. The papers written in any examination shall not be used as the basis for issuing a second certificate that will have the effect of extending the life of the certificate first issued except in accordance with the provisions governing renewal of certificates and substitutions for examinations.

39.25 It shall be the duty of every superintendent to preserve on file in his office during the life of every certificate issued by him or his predecessors the questions and papers upon which the certificate was issued; provided that this section shall not prevent the transfer of papers as provided in sections 39.26 and 39.27.

39.26 If any person holding a certificate desires to teach in any county or superintendent district other than the one for which his certificate was issued, the county superintendent of that county or superintendent district may request the county superintendent who issued the certificate to transfer to him the papers in his possession upon which the certificate was issued, whereupon it shall be the duty of the county superintendent so requested to transfer the papers. If these papers and standings are found satisfactory by the county superintendent to whom they are transferred, he may issue a certificate of the same grade as the original certificate and coterminous with it or one of a lower grade to be in force a shorter time and he shall preserve the papers on file in his office. If the papers are found unsatisfactory and the certificate is denied, he shall return the papers to the county superintendent from whom he received them.

39.27 Any applicant refused a certificate as teacher by the county superintendent, may apply to the state superintendent for re-examination. The superintendent, upon demand, shall give any applicant refused a certificate a written statement of the reasons of such refusal, which shall be presented to the state superintendent by the person desiring re-examination. If upon such re-examination the state superintendent shall be satisfied that such applicant is properly qualified he shall issue a certifi-

cate of the proper grade, which shall entitle him to the same privileges as if it had been issued by the county superintendent. In the exercise of his powers of general supervision of the schools, the state superintendent is hereby authorized to call for the examination papers, both questions and answers, of any person to whom a certificate has been granted, and it is made the duty of all county superintendents to furnish such papers when so called for. If, upon examination of the papers, the state superintendent is satisfied that the person to whom the certificate has been granted is not qualified, he may annul the certificate.

39.275 (1) The president of the University of Wisconsin shall issue to all graduates of the regular collegiate courses of such university a certified statement showing the name of the graduate, the date of graduation, the course from which graduated, and the fact that said graduate has completed the course of pedagogical instruction prescribed by the university for all persons who intend to teach. This certificate when presented to the state superintendent shall entitle the holder thereof to receive a license qualifying the holder to teach in any public school in the state of Wisconsin for one year from the date of issuance. Upon presentation of said evidence of successful teaching for one year in the public schools of the state, such license may be renewed for one year by the state superintendent.

(2) The president of each state normal school shall issue to the graduates of the full course of the normal school a certified statement bearing even date with the diploma setting forth the name of the person and the course from which graduated. This certificate when presented to the state superintendent shall entitle the holder thereof to receive a license qualifying the holder to teach in any public school in the state of Wisconsin for one year from the date of issuance. The president of each state normal school shall issue to the graduates of commercial courses, courses of agriculture, manual training, and domestic science or of such other courses as may be legally authorized and duly established and offered in such institution a certified statement showing the name of the graduate, the date of graduation, and the course from which graduated. This certificate when presented to the state superintendent shall entitle the holder thereof to receive a license qualifying him to teach commercial subjects, agriculture, domestic science, or manual training or other special subjects for which a diploma has been granted in any public school in the state of Wisconsin for one year from the date of issuance. Provided a certificate of graduation from a normal training department for oral teachers of the deaf shall entitle the holder

to a license qualifying him to teach in any day school for the deaf in this state or in any public hearing school of the state below high school grade, and provided further that a diploma of graduation from the kindergarten training course in any state normal school shall entitle the holder to a license qualifying the holder to teach in any kindergarten or the first and second grades of any school in the state. Upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of successful teaching for one year in the public schools of the state any of the foregoing licenses may be renewed for one year by the state superintendent.

(3) The president of Stout Institute shall issue to graduates of the regular courses in manual training and domestic science or such other courses as may be legally authorized and duly established and offered in such institution a certified statement showing the name of such graduate, the date of graduation, and the course from which graduated. This certificate when presented to the state superintendent shall entitle the holder to receive a license qualifying him to teach manual training, domestic science, or other special subject for which a diploma has been granted in any public school in the state of Wisconsin for one year from the date of issuance. Upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of successful teaching for one year in the public schools of the state, such license may be renewed for one year by the state superintendent.

(4) The state superintendent upon presentation of the statement hereinbefore mentioned in this section and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and two years of successful teaching in the public schools of the state of Wisconsin, after graduation, shall issue an unlimited state certificate to any person who shall hold a University of Wisconsin, a Wisconsin State Normal school, or Stout Institute diploma; provided that such unlimited state certificate shall legally qualify the holder to teach only the subject or subjects included in the license previously issued in accordance with the provisions of this section.

39.28 (1) The state superintendent before the fourth Wednesday of August each year shall appoint three competent persons, residents of this state, who shall constitute a state board of examiners. Said board shall meet at the capitol once or more each year at such times and also at such other places as the state superintendent shall prescribe for the examination of all applicants for state certificates. The state superintendent shall prescribe the rules governing the manner of conducting such examination and reporting the results thereof, and with the

advice of the state board of examiners shall determine in what branches of study in addition to those prescribed by law the applicant for an unlimited state certificate shall be examined.

39.285 To entitle an applicant to a limited state certificate the state board of examiners shall be satisfied and report to the state superintendent that he possesses the requisite scholarship in all the branches of study required for a that grade county certificate and also in psychology and English Literature. To entitle him to an unlimited state certificate they shall be satisfied and report that he possesses the requisite scholarship in all the branches above named and in such others as shall have been prescribed. He shall furnish to the examiners such evidence of good moral character, experience and success in teaching as they may require, and upon their recommendation the state superintendent shall issue to him such certificate as is awarded by their report. A limited state certificate shall qualify the holder to teach in any public school without further examination for five years from its date unless sooner annulled, but neither a limited state certificate nor a certificate based upon graduation from the elementary course of a normal school shall qualify the holder as principal of a free high school having a four-year course of study. An unlimited state certificate shall qualify the holder to teach in any public school without further examination or as principal of a free high school having a four-year course of study until annulled.

32.29 (1) The holder of a diploma granted by an incorporated college, university, or normal school other than the University of Wisconsin, a Wisconsin state normal school, or Stout Institute, who shall present satisfactory evidence to the state board of examiners of having completed their course fully and fairly equivalent to the corresponding course in the above named institutions and of having given to psychology and pedagogy at least as much study as is required in this state of candidates for a life certificate and who shall also furnish such evidence as to moral character as the said board may require shall be issued such license by the state superintendent as is awarded by the recommendation of the state board of examiners. Upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of successful teaching for one year in the public schools of the state, such license upon the recommendation of the state board of examiners may be renewed for one year by the state superintendent. Upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence of good moral character and two years of successful teaching in the public schools in this state after graduation the holder of such diploma shall be

entitled to receive from the state superintendent an unlimited state certificate as awarded by the recommendation of the state board of examiners.

(2) (a) All persons who apply to the state board of examiners for a state license on the basis of work done in, or graduation from, an institution located outside the state of Wisconsin, shall pay a fee of one dollar for the examination of their papers, records, and credentials. All such persons, before receiving a state certificate, shall pay an additional fee of one dollar before a state certificate shall be issued.

(b) The fee for the examination of the papers by the state board of examiners, and the fee for the issuance of a state certificate, shall be payable to the state superintendent of public instruction.

39.30 (1) The state superintendent may issue a special license good only until the next meeting of the state board of examiners in cases where the applicant gives satisfactory evidence that his qualifications and credentials meet the requirements of the state board of examiners; said temporary license to be issued only in urgent cases and in order that the school board, or board of education may be legally authorized to pay the salary of said teacher from the funds of the district.

(2) The state superintendent may upon the recommendation of the state board of examiners grant a special license or a certificate legally qualifying the holder to teach such special branch or branches in the public schools, as may be named on the face of the license or certificate for such period of time as may be specified in the license or certificate.

(3) Upon the recommendation of the state board of examiners an applicant may be granted a limited special license for not more than one year qualifying him to teach one or more special branches in the public schools, said license being limited to one particular school or district to be named in the license, said license to be null and void in any other school or district.

(4) The state superintendent is authorized and empowered to issue state licenses or certificates to persons who are engaged in supervising work in the public schools or teaching in colleges, normal schools or other educational institutions in the state supported by public funds and who are under the existing statutes otherwise legally qualified or are recommended by the state board of examiners.

39.31 The state superintendent shall record the date of each certificate and the name, age, and residence of the person to whom issued; and he shall preserve on file in his office all papers relating to the examination of applicants for state certificates.

39.32 Any state license or state certificate may be revoked by the state superintendent for incompetency or immoral conduct on the part of the holder thereof, but before any such revocation the holder shall be served with a written statement of the charges against him and shall have an opportunity for defense.

39.325 The validity of licenses and certificates issued prior to September 1, 1919, shall in no way be affected by the provisions of this act except as provided in section 39.32.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect September 1, 1919.

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CHAPTER 602.

AN ACT to create section 40.635 and amend subsection (2) of 20.26 of the statutes, relating to junior high schools, and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to be numbered and to read: 40.635 (1) High school as used in this section is defined as a distinct organization composed of not less than four successive grades, the highest of which is twelfth grade. Junior high school as used in this section is defined as a distinct organization composed of grades seven to nine, or seven to ten inclusive. Senior high school as used in this section is defined as a distinct organization composed of grades ten to twelve inclusive.

(2) Any district maintaining a district free high school, a union free high school, or a graded school in which five or more teachers are employed may establish and maintain one or more junior high schools in the manner hereinafter provided. The laws relating to district and union free high schools shall govern in the establishment and maintenance of junior high schools in so far as such laws are applicable except as hereinafter provided.

(3) (a) No junior high school shall be organized in a district where the aggregate enrollment of pupils in the seventh and eighth grades for the preceding year shall have been less than forty.

(b) A junior high school organized in a district maintaining a district or union free high school or the equivalent thereof shall be composed only of grades seven to nine inclusive.

(c) A junior high school shall employ at least three teachers,