

# State of Wisconsin



2015 Senate Bill 449

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## 2015 WISCONSIN ACT 259

AN ACT *to renumber* 118.191 (2); *to renumber and amend* 118.191 (1); *to amend* 118.191 (title), 118.191 (3), 118.191 (4), 118.191 (5) (a) (intro.) and 118.191 (7); and *to create* 118.191 (1) (b), 118.191 (2) (b), 118.191 (2m) and 118.191 (5m) of the statutes; **relating to:** licenses to teach vocational education subjects.

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

**SECTION 1.** 118.191 (title) of the statutes, as created by [2015 Wisconsin Act 55](#), is amended to read:

**118.191 (title) Experience-based licensure for technical and vocational education subjects.**

**SECTION 2.** 118.191 (1) of the statutes, as created by [2015 Wisconsin Act 55](#), is renumbered 118.191 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

118.191 (1) (intro.) In this section, “technical;

(a) “Technical education subject” includes technology education, and any technology related occupation.

**SECTION 3.** 118.191 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

118.191 (1) (b) “Vocational education subject” includes agriculture, child services, clothing services, food services, housing and equipment services, family and consumer education, family and consumer services, home economics-related occupations, health care-related occupations, trade specialist, business education, business and office, and marketing education.

**SECTION 4.** 118.191 (2) of the statutes, as created by [2015 Wisconsin Act 55](#), is renumbered 118.191 (2) (a).

**SECTION 5.** 118.191 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

118.191 (2) (b) Notwithstanding s. 118.19 (7) to (9), the department shall grant an initial teaching license to teach a vocational education subject to an individual who is eligible for licensure under s. 118.19 (4) and (10), who scores at least 100 points on the point system under sub. (5m), of which at least 25 points are from sub. (5m) (a) 1. and at least 25 points are from sub. (5m) (a) 2., and who agrees to complete during the term of the license a curriculum determined by the school board of the school district in which the individual will teach.

**SECTION 5m.** 118.191 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

118.191 (2m) An initial teaching license issued under sub. (2) authorizes an individual to teach only in the school district controlled by the school board that determined the curriculum the individual agreed to complete in order to qualify for the initial teaching license.

**SECTION 5p.** 118.191 (3) of the statutes, as created by [2015 Wisconsin Act 55](#), is amended to read:

118.191 (3) An initial teaching license issued under sub. (2) is valid for 3 years. An initial teaching license issued under sub. (2) is void if the license holder ceases to be employed as a teacher in the school district in which the license holder is authorized to teach under sub. (2m).

**SECTION 6.** 118.191 (4) of the statutes, as created by [2015 Wisconsin Act 55](#), is amended to read:

\* 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.”

118.191 (4) Upon the expiration of the 3-year term of an initial teaching license issued under sub. (2), the department shall issue to the license holder a professional teaching license to teach the technical education subject or vocational education subject if the individual successfully completed the curriculum that the individual agreed to under sub. (2), as determined by the school board of the school district that established the curriculum. The department shall indicate on a professional teaching license issued under this subsection that the license was obtained under the experience-based licensure program under this section.

**SECTION 7.** 118.191 (5) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by [2015 Wisconsin Act 55](#), is amended to read:

118.191 (5) (a) (intro.) The department shall use the following point system to evaluate an applicant for an initial teaching license to teach a technical education subject under sub. (2) (a):

**SECTION 8.** 118.191 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

118.191 (5m) (a) The department shall use the following point system to evaluate an applicant for an initial teaching license to teach a vocational education subject under sub. (2) (b):

1. The following for experience related to the vocational education subject that is the subject of the initial teaching license:

a. For a bachelor's degree in any science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field or in a field related to the vocational education subject and any teaching license or permit, 100 points.

b. For a bachelor's degree in any science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field or in a field related to the vocational education subject, 75 points.

c. For a bachelor's degree in a field other than those described in subd. 1. a., 65 points.

d. For industry certification in the vocation, 90 points.

e. For experience in the vocation, 5 points per 40 hours worked up to a maximum of 90 points.

f. For an internship in the vocation, 25 points.

g. For being mentored in the vocation by a colleague or a mentor approved by a recognized vocational association, 25 points.

h. For an apprenticeship in the vocation, 5 points per 40 hours worked up to a maximum of 90 points.

2. The following for pedagogical experience:

a. For a bachelor's degree in any field and any teaching license or permit, 75 points.

b. For credit earned at an accredited institution of higher education or technical college, 3 points per credit up to a maximum of 75 points for courses in any science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field or in a field related to the vocational education subject and 3 points per credit up to a maximum of 75 points for education and pedagogical courses.

c. For completing at least 100 hours of training in pedagogy, 5 points per 50 hours up to a maximum of 75 points.

(b) The department shall verify the information in par. (a) using only the following:

1. For par. (a) 1. a. to c. and 2. a. and b., the applicant's transcript for the applicable degree or credits.

2. For par. (a) 1. d., the applicant's vocational certificate.

3. For par. (a) 1. e. to h., the signature of a supervisor, employer, or other reliable observer.

4. For par. (a) 2. c., verification by a course instructor, a transcript, or a certificate.

5. If the applicant is unable to provide the verification required under subs. 1. to 4., any other proof of the applicant's experience approved by the department.

**SECTION 9.** 118.191 (7) of the statutes, as created by [2015 Wisconsin Act 55](#), is amended to read:

118.191 (7) Nothing in this section prohibits the department from granting a teaching license to teach a technical education subject or a vocational education subject under s. 118.19.