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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 423

June 30, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives Kitchens, Bowen, Brostoff, Horlacher, Kooyenga, Kremer, Murphy, Ripp, Tittl, Tusler and Spreitzer, cosponsored by Senators Olsen, L. Taylor, Darling and Feyen. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 118.194 (1) (b) and 118.194 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:**

an initial teaching license based on completion of a Montessori teacher education program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill expands the teacher education programs that satisfy a requirement for obtaining an initial teaching license under the alternative teacher licensure path described below to include teacher education programs approved by the Association Montessori Internationale.

Under current law, the Department of Public Instruction must issue an initial license to teach to an individual who satisfies the following requirements:

- 1. The individual has a bachelor's degree.
- 2. The individual successfully completed a teacher education program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education.
- 3. The individual successfully completed a three-credit introductory course in special education.
- 4. The individual received a passing score on any standardized examination DPI requires to obtain an equivalent license under the traditional licensing path and the Foundations of Reading test.

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

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SECTION 1. 118.194 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
118.194 (1) (b) Successfully completed a teacher education program accredited
by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education or approved by the
Association Montessori Internationale.
SECTION 2. 118.194 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
118.194 (2) A license under sub. (1) authorizes an individual to teach the
educational levels for which the individual has successfully completed a teacher
education program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher
Education described in sub. (1) (b) at a school that uses the Montessori method as its
primary method of instruction. The department shall treat an initial license to teach

granted under sub. (1) in the same manner the state superintendent treats an initial

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license to teach granted in accordance with s. 118.19.