



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-4925/1

FFK:cdc

2025 SENATE BILL 526

October 9, 2025 - Introduced by Senators JAGLER and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives PENTERMAN, ARMSTRONG, BEHNKE, BROOKS, GOEBEN, KREIBICH, MELOTIK, MURPHY, O'CONNOR, PIWOWARCZYK and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.60 (2) (a) 6. a. and 119.23 (2) (a) 6. a.; *to create* 118.60 (2)
2 (a) 6. e. and 119.23 (2) (a) 6. d. of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing
3 individuals who hold a substitute teaching permit to substitute teach at
4 private schools participating in a parental choice program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, all teachers at a private school participating in Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, Racine Parental Choice Program, or the statewide parental choice program must have a teaching license issued by the Department of Public Instruction or a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education. Under the bill, an individual who holds a substitute teacher permit issued by DPI may teach as allowed under the permit at a private school participating in a parental choice program.

Current law requires DPI to grant a substitute teacher permit, also known as the three-year short-term substitute teacher permit, to an applicant who 1) has an associate degree and successfully completes substitute teacher training or 2) is at least 20 years old, is enrolled in a teacher preparatory program and has enough credits to be a junior in that program, and has completed at least 15 hours of classroom observation. A substitute teacher permit authorizes the holder of the permit to teach as a short-term substitute in any subject in any grade level.
