



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 300

Assembly Amendment 1

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 300

Assembly Bill 300 requires each school board, independent charter school, and opportunity school to annually provide parents or guardians with a copy of or instructions on how to access a summary of the pupil examinations administered under state and federal law. A private school participating in the parental choice program must provide the same to parents or guardians of children enrolled under that program.

The bill specifies certain information that must be included in the summary of pupil examinations, including:

- Each examination that is required by state and federal law, except an examination required for high school graduation;
- Each examination administered by the school to assess pupil, school, or school district performance, except for those that count toward a grade for a class or that is required for graduation;
- The grade level to which each examination will be administered;
- The expected date on which each examination will be administered;
- The duration of each examination;
- The process the school board, operator of a charter school, governing body of the private school, or managing entity uses to determine an appropriate alternative in-school activity for pupils excused from taking an examination;

- The policies and procedures of the school board, charter school, private school, or opportunity school regarding a parent or guardian opting out a pupil from any examination; and
- The purpose of administering each examination and description of how the school will use data derived from each identified examination.

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Assembly Amendment 1 requires that the following information also be included in the examination summary:

- The source of the requirement to administer each examination;
- The subject areas assessed in each examination; and
- The time and format for disseminating the results of each examination.

The amendment also requires that if a school in a school district maintains an Internet site, the school board of that district must require the school to post the examination summary on the school's Internet site.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Thiesfeldt introduced Assembly Bill 300 on May 8, 2017, and introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on June 9, 2017. On June 13, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0, and passage of Assembly Bill 300, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3.

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