



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Senate Bill 677**

**Senate Substitute Amendment 2**

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### **2017 SENATE BILL 677**

Senate Bill 677 excludes certain college-level courses offered to high school pupils enrolled in a public high school from the Early College Credit Program (ECCP), if the course satisfies certain requirements. Under the bill, a course for which a public high school student may earn postsecondary credit is excluded from the ECCP if all of the following apply:

- The school board of the school district and the chancellor of a University of Wisconsin (UW) System institution have entered into an agreement before, on, or after the effective date of the bill, to provide a college credit in a high school program to academically qualified pupils under which participating pupils may take the course for postsecondary credit.
- The instruction of pupils in the course takes place in a school building in the school district or a school district facility.
- The high school teacher who provides instruction in the course is employed by the school district and has been certified or approved to provide the instruction by the participating UW System institution.

### **SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2**

#### **Private, Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Education**

In addition to the courses excluded from the ECCP under the bill, Senate Substitute Amendment 2 also excludes from the ECCP certain courses that are under an agreement between a public school board and the president of a **private, nonprofit institution of higher**

**education.**<sup>1</sup> Thus, under the substitute amendment, a course for which a public high school student may earn postsecondary credit is excluded from the ECCP if all of the following apply:

- The school board of the school district and one of the following have entered into an agreement before, on, or after the effective date of the substitute amendment, to provide a college credit in a high school program to academically qualified pupils under which participating pupils may take the course for postsecondary credit:
  - The chancellor of a UW System institution.
  - **The president of a private, nonprofit institution.**
- The instruction of pupils in the course takes place in a school building in the school district or a school district facility.
- The high school teacher who provides instruction in the course is employed by the school district and has been certified or approved to provide the instruction by one of the following:
  - The participating UW System institution.
  - The participating private, nonprofit institution.

### **Private High Schools**

The substitute amendment also excludes from the ECCP certain courses for which a high school pupil **attending a private high school** may earn postsecondary credit if all of the following apply:

- The **governing body of the private school** and one of the following have entered into an agreement before, on, or after the effective date of the substitute amendment, to provide a college credit in a high school program to academically qualified pupils under which participating pupils may take the course for postsecondary credit:
  - The chancellor of a UW System institution.
  - The president of a private, nonprofit institution.

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<sup>1</sup> Under the substitute amendment, a “private nonprofit institution” means a private, nonprofit postsecondary institution that is a member of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities or its successor organization.

- The instruction of pupils in the course takes place in the **private school building**.
- The high school teacher who provides instruction in the course is employed by the **governing body of the private school** and has been certified or approved to provide the instruction by one of the following:
  - The participating UW System institution.
  - The participating private, nonprofit institution.

Finally, the substitute amendment repeals a provision in current law that provides that the ECCP only applies to a private institution of higher education and to a tribally controlled college if the private institution of higher education or tribally controlled college has notified the State Superintendent of its intent to participate in the program by September 1 of the previous school year.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Senate Bill 677 was introduced on January 4, 2018, by Senator Vukmir and others. On February 1, 2018, Senator Vukmir offered Senate Substitute Amendment 2. On February 9, 2018, the Senate Committee on Education recommended adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 2 and passage of Senate Bill 677, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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