



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2013 Senate Bill 589**

**Senate Amendment 1**

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Senate Bill 589 repeals the requirement that school be held for 180 days per year and provides state aid for interim sessions for year-round schools and for certain online courses.

### Current Law

Under current law, each school district must hold school for 180 days in each school term. Also, the school district must schedule at least 437 hours of direct instruction in kindergarten, at least 1,050 in grades one to six, and at least 1,137 in grades seven to 12.

Currently, school districts receive state aid for pupils who enroll in summer school and laboratory periods if the State Superintendent has determined that the classes are necessary for academic purposes.

### Senate Bill 589

The bill repeals the requirement that school be held for 180 days each school term but does not affect the minimum number of hours of direct instruction required.

Under the bill, a school district that provides year-round school may receive state aid for pupils who enroll in interim session classes and laboratory periods if the State Superintendent determines that the classes are necessary for academic purposes. The bill defines “interim session” as a period of time in a school year when school is held by a school district to provide direct instruction.

The bill also permits districts to receive state aid for online courses taken by high school or seventh and eighth grade pupils if specified conditions are satisfied.

### **Senate Amendment 1**

The amendment modifies the definition of “interim session” to specify that the hours of direct instruction provided in an interim session are in addition to the minimum hours of direct instruction required for each grade.

### **Bill History**

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Olsen. On February 20, 2014, the Senate Committee on Education adopted the amendment and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

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