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Mr. Patrick E. Fuller, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
17 West Main Street, Rm. 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I am pleased to share with you the attached report in compliance with section 38.04(21) of the Wisconsin statutes. This provision requires the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board to submit an annual report regarding high school students attending technical colleges. The report is to be submitted to the Legislature and to four state agencies (Departments of Administration, Children and Families, Public Instruction, and Workforce Development.) The reporting requirement was established in 1997 Wisconsin Act 27.

The following level of activity occurred in the 2017-2018 school year:

721 high school students attended the WTCS under the 118.15 Compulsory Education Option;

3,118 high school students attended the WTCS under the Youth Options Program; and

over 46,000 high school students enrolled in WTCS postsecondary level courses through means other than 118.15 Compulsory Education or Youth Options.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Ann Westrich, Career Prep Education Director, at (608) 261-4588.

Sincerely,

Dr. Morna K. Foy
President

Attachment

cc: Sara Hynek, DOA
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**Public High School Pupils Attending Wisconsin Technical Colleges
Fiscal Years 2014-15 through 2017-18**

Section 38.04(21) of the Wisconsin statutes requires that the WTCS report information on public high school pupils enrolling in technical college courses to the Legislature and four state agencies (DOA, DCF, DPI and DWD). Five categories of enrollments are covered:

- A. 118.15 Compulsory Education – Under the provisions of ss. 118.15(1) (b), (cm) and (d), *Wis. Stats.*, high school pupils who meet certain criteria are allowed to attend technical college in lieu of high school or on a part-time basis.
- B. Youth Options – Under the Youth Options Program, s. 118.55, *Wis. Stats.*, high school pupils have the ability to take postsecondary level courses for both high school and technical college credit.
- C. Transcripted Credit - This option also known as “dual credit” allows students to gain both high school and technical college credit simultaneously. Section 118.34, *Wis. Stats.*, authorizes the establishment of technical preparation programs that allow high school pupils to either gain advanced standing at a technical college or receive actual technical college credit. It should be noted that pupils earn advanced standing while in high school, but do not actually receive the credit until they have completed high school and are admitted to a technical college. Therefore, this report can only identify pupils who received actual technical college credit while still enrolled in high school.
- D. Youth Apprenticeship – Section 106.13, *Wis. Stats.*, allows a student to enroll in a youth apprenticeship program with the ability to gain advanced standing or receive actual technical college credit.
- E. 38.14 Contracts – Under s. 38.14(3), *Wis. Stats.*, a technical college may enter into a contract to provide educational services to a school district.

The following tables provide a statewide summary of such enrollments for the school years 2014-15 through 2017-18. Numbers of students, courses and credits taken are included. The WTCS Client Reporting System is the source for this information.

Headcount						
Fiscal Year	118.15 Compulsory Education	Youth Options	Transcripted Credit	Youth Apprenticeship	38.14 Contracts	Unduplicated Total – All*
2014	971	2,447	22,472	279	2,880	28,026
2015	758	2,647	24,779	296	3,112	30,451
2016	736	2,716	27,721	275	2,419	32,608
2017	592	2,793	32,198	255	2,657	38,495
2018	721	3,118	40,652	256	3,256	48,003

* This total counts students who took courses in more than one of the five categories only once.



Courses (Enrollments)						
Fiscal Year	118.15 Compulsory Education	Youth Options	Transcripted Credit	Youth Apprenticeship	38.14 Contracts	Total
2014	8,690	4,227	29,785	484	3,980	47,166
2015	7,121	4,979	33,547	582	4,772	51,001
2016	7,001	4,997	37,730	539	3,875	54,142
2017	6,084	5,363	45,053	480	4,400	61,380
2018	7,114	5,858	59,613	497	5,406	78,488

Credits						
Fiscal Year	118.15 Compulsory Education	Youth Options	Transcripted Credit	Youth Apprenticeship	38.14 Contracts	Total
2014	9,974	11,796	77,907	1,167	10,913	111,757
2015	8,131	13,387	87,772	1,190	12,616	123,096
2016	7,740	13,525	98,927	1,067	10,327	131,586
2017	6,748	14,426	117,290	960	11,358	150,782
2018	7,814	15,718	153,173	1,010	13,988	191,703

For more information, please contact Ann Westrich at (608) 261-4588.