



2013 SENATE BILL 51

March 1, 2013 – Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** the number of
2 mathematics and science credits required for a high school diploma.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Improving Educational Opportunities in High School.

Under current law, a school board may not grant a high school diploma to any student unless the student has earned all of the following minimum credits in the high school grades: 4 credits of English; 3 credits of social studies; 2 credits of mathematics; 2 credits of science; and one and one-half credits of physical education. Current law also requires the completion of one-half credit of health education in grades 7 to 12 to earn a high school diploma.

This bill increases the required credits in mathematics and science to 3.

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
4 118.33 (1) (a) 1. In the high school grades, at least 4 credits of English including
5 writing composition, 3 credits of social studies including state and local government,

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1 ~~2~~ 3 credits of mathematics, ~~2~~ 3 credits of science and 1.5 credits of physical
2 education. The school board shall award a pupil a science credit for successfully
3 completing in the high school grades each course in agriculture that the department
4 has determined qualifies as science according to criteria established by the
5 department.

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