



## 1995 SENATE BILL 319

August 30, 1995 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, PETAK, ROSENZWEIG, PANZER and A. LASEE, cosponsored by Representatives LEHMAN, AINSWORTH, DUFF, OLSEN, JENSEN, GOETSCH, WILDER, BALDUS, ALBERS, OWENS, F. LASEE, SERATTI, LADWIG, SKINDRUD and OTT. Referred to Committee on Education and Financial Institutions.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** the physical  
2     education high school graduation requirement.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law prohibits a school board from granting a high school diploma unless the pupil earns, in grades 9 to 12, at least 1.5 credits of physical education. Administrative rules promulgated by the department of public instruction specify that one credit is equivalent to one year of instruction and that participation in physical education is required in each grade from 9 to 12 except that one year is optional. In addition, participation in interscholastic athletics may not be substituted for physical education.

This bill authorizes a school board to grant physical education credit to any pupil in grades 9 to 12 who is participating in interscholastic athletics, but not exceeding 0.5 credit in each school year.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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,  
6     2 credits of mathematics, 2 credits of science, and 1.5 credits of physical education

1 which may consist of participation in interscholastic athletics, not exceeding 0.5

2 credit each school year.

3 (END)