



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 642

December 2, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives WASSERMAN and OTTE. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 118.33 (1) (e); and **to create** 118.30 (5) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** the requirement that school boards administer statewide pupil
3 assessments.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires every school board to administer statewide assessments in the 4th, 8th and 10th grades. Beginning in the 2000-01 school year, each school board operating high school grades must also administer a high school graduation examination. (The 10th grade examination is not required to be administered after the 2000-01 school year.) This bill authorizes a school board to exempt itself from administering one or more of the examinations by adopting a resolution to that effect.

Under current law, a school board must develop alternative high school graduation criteria for evaluating a pupil who has been excused from the high school graduation examination. This bill provides that a school board need not develop such alternative criteria for those pupils or for pupils who have not taken the high school graduation examination because the school board has adopted a resolution exempting itself from the requirement to administer the examination.

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

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 118.30 (5) of the statutes is created to read:
5 118.30 (5) (a) A school board may exempt itself from administering one or more
6 of the examinations under sub. (1m) by adopting a resolution to that effect.

1 (b) A resolution adopted under par. (a) remains in effect until the school board
2 adopts a resolution specifying otherwise.

3 **SECTION 2.** 118.33 (1) (e) of the statutes, as created by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27,
4 is amended to read:

5 118.33 (1) (e) Each school board shall may develop alternative criteria for
6 evaluating a pupil who has ~~been excused from~~ not taken the high school graduation
7 examination ~~under~~ as a result of s. 118.30 (2) (b) 3. or (5). A school board may grant
8 a high school diploma to a pupil who has ~~been excused from~~ not taken the high school
9 graduation examination ~~under~~ as a result of s. 118.30 (2) (b) 3. or (5) if the pupil
10 satisfies all of the other requirements under this subsection and satisfies ~~the~~ any
11 other criteria developed by the school board.

12 (END)