

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 290

April 22, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, GRONEMUS, MILLER, HASENOHRL, MUSSER, BOCK and BLACK. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 118.30 (1) (b), 118.30 (1g) (b), 118.30 (1m) (d), 118.33 (1) (cm)
2 and 118.33 (1) (e); *to renumber* 118.30 (1) (a); and *to amend* 118.30 (1m) (a)
3 1., 118.30 (1m) (am) 1., 118.30 (6) and 121.02 (1) (s) of the statutes; **relating to:**
4 eliminating the high school graduation examination.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, each school board operating high school grades must adopt a high school graduation examination designed to measure whether pupils meet pupil academic standards adopted by the school board and must administer the examination at least twice every school year, beginning in the 2000–01 school year. Beginning in the 2002–03 school year, a school board may not grant a high school diploma to a pupil unless the pupil has passed the high school graduation examination or unless the pupil's parent or guardian has excused the pupil from taking the examination and the pupil has satisfied alternative criteria.

This bill repeals these requirements.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 118.30 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 118.30 (1).

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1 **SECTION 2.** 118.30 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

2 **SECTION 3.** 118.30 (1g) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

3 **SECTION 4.** 118.30 (1m) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.30 **(1m)** (a) 1. Except as provided in sub. (6), administer the 4th grade
5 examination adopted or approved by the state superintendent under sub. (1) ~~(a)~~ to
6 all pupils enrolled in the school district, including pupils enrolled in charter schools
7 located in the school district, in the 4th grade. Beginning on July 1, 2002, if the
8 school board has not developed and adopted its own 4th grade examination, the
9 school board shall provide a pupil with at least 2 opportunities to achieve a score on
10 the examination administered under this subdivision that is sufficient for promotion
11 under sub. (5) (a) 1.

12 **SECTION 5.** 118.30 (1m) (am) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 118.30 **(1m)** (am) 1. Except as provided in sub. (6), administer the 8th grade
14 examination adopted or approved by the state superintendent under sub. (1) ~~(a)~~ to
15 all pupils enrolled in the school district, including pupils enrolled in charter schools
16 located in the school district, in the 8th grade. Beginning on July 1, 2002, if the
17 school board has not developed and adopted its own 8th grade examination, the
18 school board shall provide a pupil with at least 2 opportunities to achieve a score on
19 the examination administered under this subdivision that is sufficient for promotion
20 under sub. (5) (b) 1.

21 **SECTION 6.** 118.30 (1m) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 7.** 118.30 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 118.30 **(6)** A school board is not required to administer the 4th and 8th grade
24 examinations adopted or approved by the state superintendent under sub. (1) ~~(a)~~ if
25 the school board administers its own 4th and 8th grade examinations, the school

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1 board provides the state superintendent with statistical correlations of those
2 examinations with the examinations adopted or approved by the state
3 superintendent under sub. (1) ~~(a)~~, and the federal department of education approves.

4 **SECTION 8.** 118.33 (1) (cm) of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 9.** 118.33 (1) (e) of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 10.** 121.02 (1) (s) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 121.02 **(1)** (s) Administer the examinations required under s. 118.30 (1m) (a),
8 (am) and (b) ~~and, beginning in the 1999–2000 school year, administer the high school~~
9 ~~graduation examination required under s. 118.30 (1m) (d).~~

10 **(END)**