2001 SENATE BILL 130

April 11, 2001 – Introduced by Senators Grobschmidt, M. Meyer, Moore, Burke, Rosenzweig, Risser and Roessler, cosponsored by Representatives Wasserman, Urban, Berceau, Black, La Fave, M. Lehman, Morris-Tatum, Miller, Ryba, Schneider, Taskunas, Turner, Young, Huber and Plouff. Referred to Committee on Universities, Housing, and Government Operations.

AN ACT to amend 36.11 (3) (a) of the statutes; relating to: admission requirements for University of Wisconsin System institutions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires school boards and charter schools that operate high school grades to administer a high school graduation examination to all high school juniors and seniors, beginning in the 2002-03 school year. Current law also allows parents to excuse their children from taking this examination.

This bill prohibits the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System from requiring an applicant for admission to a UW System institution to have taken the examination.

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

SECTION 1. 36.11 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.11 (3) (a) The board shall establish the policies for admission within the system and within these policies each institution shall establish specific requirements for admission to its courses of instruction. No sectarian or partisan tests or any tests based upon race, religion, national origin of U.S. citizens or sex
shall ever be allowed in the admission of students thereto. The board may not establish a policy of admission that requires applicants for admission to have taken any high school graduation examination adopted under s. 118.30 (1g) (b).