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February 22, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives Schneider, Ballweg, Albers, Musser and Gunderson, cosponsored by Senator Lehman. Referred to Committee on Education.

- AN ACT *to amend* 118.33 (1) (a) (intro.); and *to create* 118.33 (1) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** granting a high school diploma to a foreign exchange student.
 - Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, a school board may not grant a high school diploma to a pupil who has not satisfied minimum course work and attendance requirements established for the high school grades. This bill permits a school board to award a high school diploma to a foreign exchange student where the school board determines that the foreign exchange student has satisfied course work and attendance criteria established by the school board.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 118.33 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 118.33 (1) (a) (intro.) Except as provided in par. pars. (d) and (e), a school board
- 6 may not grant a high school diploma to any pupil unless the pupil has earned:
- **SECTION 2.** 118.33 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

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118.33 **(1)** (e) 1. In this paragraph, "foreign exchange student" means a pupil who has temporarily entered the United States on a nonimmigrant visa for the purpose of participating in an educational or cultural exchange and who is enrolled in a course of study in grade 11 or 12. "Foreign exchange student" does not include foreign nationals visiting the United States for other purposes or with one or both parents.

2. A school board may grant a high school diploma to a foreign exchange student enrolled in the school district who has not satisfied the requirements of pars. (a) and (b) if the school board determines that the foreign exchange student has demonstrated a level of proficiency in the subjects listed in par. (a) equivalent to that which he or she would have obtained if he or she had satisfied the requirements under par. (a) and has complied with the requirements of par. (b) during the grade in which the pupil was enrolled in the school district.

14 (END)