



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2011 Wisconsin Act 156**  
[2011 Senate Bill 335]

**Technical Education High School  
Diploma**

2011 Wisconsin Act 156 permits a school board to grant a technical education high school diploma to a pupil who does all of the following:

- Satisfies the credit requirements and earns the number of credits for high school graduation as established by statute and the school board.
- Successfully completes a technical education program, established by the school board, in one or more subjects.

The Act provides that, in establishing a technical education program, the school board may incorporate standards for industry-recognized certifications. Annually, the Department of Public Instruction must provide a list of such certifications to each school board operating high school grades. The school board must indicate on a pupil's technical education high school diploma the certifications attained by the pupil.

If a pupil has an individualized education plan (IEP) that indicates a goal of a technical education high school diploma, the IEP must specify the course of study that the pupil must take to attain that goal.

***Effective date:*** Act 156 takes effect on April 10, 2012.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.