October 11, 2011 – Introduced by Committee on Assembly Organization, by request of Governor Scott Walker and Representative Radcliffe. Referred to Committee on Education.

**AN ACT** to create 118.33 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing a school board to grant a vocational high school diploma.

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**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

Under current law, a school board may not grant a high school diploma to any pupil unless the pupil has earned at least 4 credits of English, 3 credits of social studies, 2 credits of science, 2 credits of mathematics, 1.5 credits of physical education, and 0.5 credits of health education.

This bill authorizes a school board to grant a vocational high school diploma to a pupil who has not earned the academic credits specified above but has earned a sufficient number of credits in vocational subjects, as determined by the school board, if the Department of Public Instruction has approved the school district’s vocational curriculum.

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

**SECTION 1.** 118.33 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

118.33 (1m) In lieu of granting a high school diploma under sub. (1), a school board may grant a vocational high school diploma to a pupil who has not earned the academic credits required under sub. (1) but has earned a sufficient number of
credits in vocational subjects, as determined by the school board, if the department
has approved the school district’s vocational curriculum.