



2013 SENATE BILL 284

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.33 (1) (a) (intro.); and *to create* 118.33 (1) (em) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** allowing pupils in grades 7 and 8 to earn high school
3 credit.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a school board may grant a high school diploma to a pupil if, subject to certain exceptions, the pupil earns a certain number of credits while in grades 9 to 12 (high school credits). This bill allows a school board to count certain credits a pupil earns while in grades 7 and 8 as high school credits for purposes of granting a high school diploma.

Under the bill, a school board may count credit earned by a pupil in grade 7 or 8 as high school credit if the pupil earns the credit in a course that is taught by a teacher who is licensed to teach the subject matter to pupils in grades 9 to 12 and the course is taught using a curriculum and assessments that are used to teach the subject to pupils in grades 9 to 12. The pupil must also demonstrate based on certain exams that he or she is academically prepared for coursework that is offered to pupils in grades 9 to 12.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 118.33 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

