



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Senate Bill 67	Senate Amendment 1
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Senate Bill 67 relates to school accountability reports and educator effectiveness evaluations of teachers and principals. Senate Amendment 1 makes changes to the educator effectiveness evaluations provision of the bill.

SENATE BILL 67

Current law requires every school board and governing body of a charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r), Stats. (referred to as “independent 2R charters”), to evaluate teachers and principals in the school district or charter school beginning in the 2014-15 school year. Senate Bill 67 delays the requirement for evaluation of teachers and principals by one year. The bill requires evaluation beginning in the 2015-16 school year, rather than the current 2014-15 school year.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 maintains the current law requirement that educator effectiveness evaluations be performed in the current 2014-15 school year, but prohibits use of student test scores in this year’s evaluations. Specifically, the amendment provides that each school board and operator of a charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r), Stats., must evaluate teachers and principals beginning in the 2014-15 school year, but prohibits school boards and charter school operators from considering pupil performance on statewide assessments given in the 2014-15 school year and prohibits inclusion of pupil performance on those statewide assessments in the evaluation score assigned to a teacher or principal.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Farrow on March 11, 2015. The Senate Committee on Education Reform and Government Operations adopted the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, on March 12, 2015. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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