2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 144

April 1, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives J. Ott, Kremer, T. Larson, Thiesfeldt, Knodl, Bernier, Hutton, Murtha, Murphy and Nerison, cosponsored by Senators Darling and Vukmir. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to amend 118.045 (1); and to create 118.045 (4) of the statutes; relating to: the commencement of fall classes in public schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates an exception to the general prohibition against a public school beginning the school term before September 1. The exception is for a school board of a school district in which more than 20 percent of the high school students took at least one advanced placement exam.

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

SECTION 1. 118.045 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.045 (1) Except as provided in subs. (2) and (3), and (4), beginning in the year 2000, no public school may commence the school term until September 1.

SECTION 2. 118.045 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

118.045 (4) (a) In this subsection, “advanced placement participation rate” means the percentage of pupils in grades 9 to 12 in a school district who took at least
one advanced placement program examination during the most recent school year
for which certified data is available from the department.
(b) A school board may commence the school term before September 1 in a
school year if, on December 31 of the immediately preceding school year, the school
district’s advanced placement participation rate is more than 20 percent.

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