2015 SENATE BILL 59


AN ACT to create 36.11 (3m) of the statutes; relating to: University of Wisconsin System reports regarding remedial courses in English and mathematics.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to require each student who is a graduate of any high school in this state to identify the high school, and the city, village, or town in which it is located, when taking any English or mathematics placement test that is required upon the student’s admission to the UW System. The bill also requires the Board of Regents to submit a report to the legislature by September 1 of each year that identifies the high schools of students who, based on placement test performance in the preceding 12 months, are required to take remedial courses in English or mathematics. The bill prohibits the Board of Regents from disclosing the identities of such students in the reports.

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

SECTION 1. 36.11 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

36.11 (3m) PLACEMENT TESTS; REPORTS. (a) In this subsection:

1. “High school” means a school in which the high school grades are taught, including a school classified as a senior high school under s. 115.01 (2).
2. “School” means a public school, including a charter school as defined in s. 115.001 (1), and a private school, as defined in s. 115.001 (3r).

(b) The board shall require each student who is a graduate of a high school in this state to identify the high school, and the city, village, or town in which the high school is located, when taking any English or mathematics placement test that is required upon the student’s admission to the system. By September 1 of each year, the board shall submit a report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3) that identifies the high schools of students who, based on their performance on placement tests in the preceding 12 months, are required to take remedial courses in English or mathematics. The board may not disclose in a report the identity of any student who is required to take such a remedial course.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.

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