



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 215**  
[2017 Senate Bill 407]

**Transfer of Credits Between  
University of Wisconsin System  
Institutions**

Prior law required the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System (the Board) to establish policies for the appropriate transfer of credits between institutions within the system, including the designation of those courses which shall be transferable between and within institutions without loss of credit toward graduation or toward completion of a specific course of study.

**2017 Wisconsin Act 215** requires the Board to establish policies for the transfer of postsecondary credits between institutions within the UW System, including those postsecondary credits earned by high school pupils under the Youth Options Program under s. 118.55, Stats. If the board determines that credits earned under the Youth Options Program are not transferable, the Act requires the Board to permit an individual to take an examination to determine the individual's competency in the subject area of the course and, if the individual receives a passing score, award equivalent credits to the individual.

The Act also permits the Board to establish similar policies for the appropriate transfer of credits with other educational institutions outside the system.

*Effective date:* April 5, 2018

*Prepared by:* Dan Schmidt, Principal Analyst

April 9, 2018

DWS:mcm;ksm

---

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.