AN ACT to create 118.55 (10) of the statutes; relating to: excluding certain college credit in high school programs from the Early College Credit Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill excludes certain college-level courses offered to high school pupils enrolled in a public school from the Early College Credit Program.

Under the ECCP, a high school pupil, including a high school pupil attending a private school, may enroll in an institution of higher education for the purpose of taking one or more nonsectarian courses. Also under the ECCP, “institution of higher education” is defined to mean an institution within the University of Wisconsin System, a tribally controlled college, and a private, nonprofit institution of higher education located in this state. Under the ECCP, a pupil may take the course to earn high school credit or postsecondary credit or both. The cost of tuition for each course is divided among the Department of Workforce Development, the school board of the pupil's school or the governing body of the private school the pupil attends, and the pupil. The share that each responsible party pays is dependent on whether the course is taken for high school credit or postsecondary credit and whether a course similar to the course taken at the institution of higher education is comparable to a course offered by the school board or private school.

This bill provides that a course that satisfies all of the following requirements is not a course under the ECCP:

1. The course is offered to pupils under an agreement made between a school board and the chancellor of one of the four-year institutions of the University of Wisconsin System before, on, or after the effective date of the bill.
2. Instruction in the course takes place in a school building in the school district or a school district facility.
3. The teacher who provides instruction in the course is employed by the school district and has been certified or approved to teach the course by the participating University of Wisconsin System institution.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 118.55 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

118.55 (10) INAPPLICABILITY. (a) In this subsection, “University of Wisconsin System institution” means a 4-year institution in the University of Wisconsin System.

(b) This section does not apply to a course for which a pupil may earn postsecondary credit if all of the following apply:

1. The school board of the school district and the chancellor of a University of Wisconsin System institution have entered into an agreement before, on, or after the effective date of this subdivision .... [LRB inserts date], to provide a college credit in high school program to academically qualified pupils under which participating pupils may take the course for postsecondary credit.

2. The instruction of pupils in the course takes place in a school building in the school district or a school district facility.

3. The high school teacher who provides instruction in the course is employed by the school district and has been certified or approved to provide the instruction by the participating University of Wisconsin System institution.