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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,  
TO SENATE BILL 51**

November 11, 2013 – Offered by Senator OLSEN.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 118.33 (1) (a) 1.; and *to create* 118.33 (1) (a)  
2 1. e. of the statutes; **relating to:** the number of mathematics and science credits  
3 required for a high school diploma and high school credits for coursework in  
4 career and technical education and computer sciences.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a school board may not grant a high school diploma to any student unless the student has earned all of the following minimum credits in the high school grades: four credits of English; three credits of social studies; two credits of mathematics; two credits of science; and one and one-half credits of physical education. This substitute amendment increases the required credits in mathematics and science to three. The substitute amendment requires a school board to count up to one credit of mathematics for a qualifying course in computer sciences. The substitute amendment also requires a school board to award up to one mathematics credit or one science credit for a career and technical education course

if the school board determines that the course satisfies a mathematics requirement or a science requirement.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 118.33 (1) (a) 1. (intro.)  
2 and amended to read:

3           118.33 (1) (a) 1. (intro.) In the high school grades, at all of the following:

4           a. At least 4 credits of English including writing composition,

5           b. At least 3 credits of social studies including state and local government,

6           c. At least 3 credits of mathematics, 2-. The school board shall award a pupil  
7 up to one mathematics credit for successfully completing in the high school grades  
8 a course in computer sciences that the department has determined qualifies as  
9 computer sciences according to criteria established by the department. The school  
10 board shall award a pupil up to one mathematics credit for successfully completing  
11 in the high school grades a career and technical education course that the school  
12 board determines satisfies a mathematics requirement, but may not award any  
13 credit for that course if the school board awards any credit for that same course under  
14 subd. 1. c.

15           d. At least 3 credits of science and 1.5 credits of physical education. The school  
16 board shall award a pupil a science credit for successfully completing in the high  
17 school grades each course in agriculture that the department has determined  
18 qualifies as science according to criteria established by the department. The school  
19 board shall award a pupil up to one science credit for successfully completing in the  
20 high school grades a career and technical education course that the school board

1 determines satisfies a science requirement, but may not award any credit for that  
2 course if the school board awards any credit for that same course under subd. 1. c.

3 **SECTION 2.** 118.33 (1) (a) 1. e. of the statutes is created to read:

4 118.33 (1) (a) 1. e. At least 1.5 credits of physical education.

5 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

6 (1) This act first applies to a high school diploma granted to a pupil in the  
7 2016-17 school year.

8 (END)