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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2003 Assembly Bill 94**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, with the exception of pupils enrolled in an alternative education program, a school board may not grant a high school diploma to a pupil unless the pupil has earned, in grades 9 to 12, at least: four credits of English, including writing composition; three credits of social studies, including state and local government; two credits of mathematics; two credits of science; and 1.5 credits of physical education. [s. 118.33 (1) (a) 1., Stats.] The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to establish course requirements for these courses under s. 118.33 (1) (a), Stats., and has done so in ch. PI 18, Wis. Adm. Code. [s. 118.33 (2) (c), Stats.]

Each school board offering high school grades was required to submit to the State Superintendent a report describing the school board's policies and guidelines on high school graduation standards, including the list of courses required under s. 118.33 (1) (a), Stats., and the number of hours in each school term required to earn one credit for these required courses. A school board must notify the State Superintendent whenever changes are made in these policies or guidelines. [s. 118.33 (3), Stats.]

*2003 Assembly Bill 94* adds to the list of courses required for a high school diploma under s. 118.33 (1) (a), Stats. Beginning with pupils who graduate from high school in May 2008, the bill requires .5 credit of personal finance in grades 9 to 12.

*Assembly Amendment 1* to the bill changes this additional requirement from .5 credit of *personal finance* to .5 credit of *economics, including personal finance*.

### **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by the Assembly Committee on Education. The committee recommended the amendment for adoption on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 4. The committee recommended the bill, as amended, for passage on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 6. The committee action took place on October 7, 2003.

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