



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 236

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Under **current law**, a school board may not grant a high school diploma to any pupil unless the pupil has earned, in the high school grades, at least two credits of science, among other requirements.

2009 Assembly Bill 236 would provide that if a pupil earns at least two credits of science in the high school grades, the school board shall award the pupil an additional science credit for completing in the high school grades each course in agriculture that the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has determined qualifies as science according to criteria established by DPI.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 would remove the requirement under the bill that a student earn at least two other credits in science for the school board to be required to award the pupil a science credit for successfully completing an agriculture course that DPI determines qualifies as science.

Legislative History

Assembly Bill 236 was introduced by Representative Radcliffe and others; cosponsored by Senator Vinehout and others. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture and a public hearing was held before that committee on May 14, 2009. Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Radcliffe on May 26, 2009. In an executive session held on May 28, 2009, the committee recommended adoption of the substitute amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

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