2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 448

June 21, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives Olsen, Albers, J. Lehman, Wade, Stone, Townsend and Petrowski, cosponsored by Senators Cowles, Darling, Huelsman, Schultz and Rosenzweig. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 118.30 (3); and to create 118.30 (3) (b) of the statutes; relating to: access to statewide pupil assessments and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires each school board and each Milwaukee charter school (a charter school operated by or under contract with the city of Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, or Milwaukee Area Technical College) to adopt either its own academic standards or the academic standards contained in the governor's executive order issued January 13, 1998, and to administer standardized examinations to fourth, eighth, and tenth grade pupils enrolled in the school district, including pupils enrolled in charter schools (other than Milwaukee charter schools) located in the school district. Beginning in the 2002–03 school year, each school board must also administer a high school graduation examination that is designed to measure whether pupils have met the academic standards adopted by the school board. A school board may either adopt the examinations developed by the department of public instruction or develop its own examinations. Identical provisions exist under current law for Milwaukee charter schools.

Current law directs the state superintendent of public instruction to make available upon request, within 90 days after the date of administration, any of the required pupil assessments.

This bill requires a person to submit a request in writing and provides that the person may view the examination but not receive a copy. The bill also directs the

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state superintendent to promulgate rules that, to the extent feasible, protect the security and confidentiality of the examinations.

For further information see the $\it state$ 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. 118.30 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 118.30 (3) (a) and amended to read:

118.30 (3) (a) The state superintendent shall make available upon request, allow a person to view an examination required to be administered under this section if the person submits to the state superintendent a written request to do so within 90 days after the date of administration, any of the examination required to be administered under this section. This subsection paragraph does not apply while the an examination is being developed or validated.

Section 2. 118.30 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

118.30 (3) (b) The state superintendent shall promulgate rules establishing procedures to administer par. (a). To the extent feasible, the rules shall protect the security and confidentiality of the examinations required to be administered under this section.

14 (END)