



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 325

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1 **AN ACT to create** 118.33 (1) (f) 5., 118.60 (10) (a) 9. and 119.23 (10) (a) 9. of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** high school graduation requirements for pupils
3 attending a private school under a parental choice program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the governing body of each private school participating in a parental choice program (PCP) to develop a policy specifying criteria for granting a high school diploma to pupils attending the school under the PCP. The criteria must include the pupil's academic performance and the recommendations of teachers. The private school may not grant a high school diploma to any pupil attending the school under the PCP unless the pupil satisfies the criteria specified in the policy.

Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, this bill requires a private school participating in a PCP to include in its policy the requirements for granting a high school diploma to public school pupils. These requirements include earning a specified minimum number of credits in certain subjects and, in grades 9 to 12, being enrolled in a class or participating in an activity approved by the school board during each class period of each school day.

