

## State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



## 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 325

August 23, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives Ringhand, Shankland, Kolste, Johnson, Mason, Sinicki, Berceau, Richards, Wright, Pope, Hesselbein, Doyle, C. Taylor, Kahl, Wachs, Jorgensen, Ohnstad, Barnes, Hebl, Milroy and Barca. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

AN ACT *to create* 118.33 (1) (f) 5., 118.60 (10) (a) 9. and 119.23 (10) (a) 9. of the statutes; **relating to:** high school graduation requirements for pupils 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.

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The bill also authorizes the state superintendent of public instruction to issue an order barring a private school from participating in a PCP if the private school fails to include these new requirements in its high school graduation policy.

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

**SECTION 1.** 118.33 (1) (f) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

118.33 (1) (f) 5. Beginning in the 2015–16 school year, the governing body of each private school participating in a parental choice program under s. 118.60 or 119.23 shall include in its policy under subd. 2m. or 2r. the requirements for granting a high school diploma specified in pars. (a) and (b), with the exceptions provided in pars. (d) and (e).

- **Section 2.** 118.60 (10) (a) 9. of the statutes is created to read:
- 8 118.60 **(10)** (a) 9. Violated s. 118.33 (1) (f) 5.
- **SECTION 3.** 119.23 (10) (a) 9. of the statutes is created to read:
- 10 119.23 (10) (a) 9. Violated s. 118.33 (1) (f) 5.

11 (END)