

1       **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring an additional  
2       credit in mathematics for a high school diploma.

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

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Building Wisconsin's Workforce.

3       **SECTION 1.** 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:  
4       118.33 (1) (a) 1. In the high school grades, at least 4 credits of English including writing  
5       composition, 3 credits of social studies including state and local government, ~~2~~ 3 credits of  
6       mathematics, 2 credits of science and 1.5 credits of physical education.

**NOTE:** Current law prohibits a school board from granting a high school diploma to any pupil unless the pupil has earned at least the following credits in the high school grades: 4 credits of English, including writing composition; 3 credits of social studies, including state and local government; 2 credits of mathematics; 2 credits of science; and 1.5 credits of physical education. [s. 118.33 (1) (a) 1., stats.]

This SECTION requires that a pupil earn at least 3 credits of mathematics in the high school grades before a school board may grant a high school diploma to the pupil.

**COMMENT:** Under current law, the state superintendent must establish course requirements for the credits of English, social studies, mathematics, science, and physical education required for a high school diploma. [s. 118.33 (2) (c), stats.] The credits of mathematics must incorporate instruction in the properties, processes, and symbols of arithmetic and elements of algebra, geometry, and statistics. [s. PI 18.03 (1) (a) 3., Adm. Code.] The committee might consider whether to evaluate, or require that the state superintendent evaluate, the types of courses that count as mathematics credits for a high school diploma.

7       **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

8       (1) This act first applies to pupils graduating from high school in 2014.

**NOTE:** The requirement for an additional credit of mathematics in the high school grades first applies to pupils who graduate from high school in 2014.