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1       **AN ACT** *to create* 118.55 (3) (am) and (7r) (ac) of the statutes; **relating to:** the youth  
2       options program.

*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 Improving Educational Opportunities in High School.

Under the Youth Options program, any pupil enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade who satisfies certain requirements may attend a post-secondary institution in Wisconsin for the purpose of taking a course or courses for high school and post-secondary credit. For purposes of the program, post-secondary institutions are any Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) campus, University of Wisconsin (UW) System institution, Wisconsin tribally controlled college, or Wisconsin private, nonprofit institution of higher education.

In order to attend the UW, a tribally controlled college, or a private college, a pupil must apply to the university or college in the school semester prior to the one in which the student plans to take the post-secondary course. The pupil must also notify the school board of the pupil's intention to enroll in a post-secondary institution, the titles of the courses in which the pupil intends to enroll, the number of credits of each course, and whether the pupil will be taking the course for high school or post-secondary credit. A university or college may admit a pupil under the youth options program only if space is available.

In order to attend a technical college, in addition to applying to the technical college and notifying the school board, a pupil must have completed the 10th grade, be in good academic standing, and not qualify as a child at risk.

If the pupil wants to take a course for high school and post-secondary credit, the school board must determine whether the course is comparable to a course offered in the school district, whether the course satisfies any of the high school graduation requirements, and the number of high school credits to award the pupil for the course, if any. The school board must pay for any course taken at a post-secondary

institution or technical college that is taken for high school credit and that is not comparable to a course offered in the school district.

This bill draft requires that, beginning in the 2019–2020 school year, a pupil’s notification to the school board of the pupil’s intention to enroll in a post–secondary institution or technical college must include a description of how the courses in which the pupil intends to enroll relate to the pupil’s academic and career plan. The 2019–2020 school year is one year after the requirement that all students have an academic and career plan becomes effective under WLC: 0054/1.

**SECTION 1.** 118.55 (3) (am) and (7r) (ac) of the statutes are created to read:

118.55 **(3)** (am) Beginning in the 2019–20 school year, the notice to the school board under par. (a) shall include a description of how the course in which the pupil intends to enroll at an institution of higher education under this section relates to the pupil’s academic and career plan under s. 118.36.

**NOTE:** This SECTION requires that the notice a pupil submits to a school board of the pupil's intention to enroll in a post-secondary institution must include a description of how the course the pupil intends to take relates to the pupil's academic and career plan. This requirement becomes effective in the 2019–20 school year.

(7r) (ac) Beginning in the 2019–20 school year, the notice to the school board under par. (a) 3. shall include a description of how the course in which the pupil intends to enroll at a technical college relates to the pupil’s academic and career plan under s. 118.36.

**NOTE:** This SECTION requires that the notice a pupil submits to a school board of the pupil's intention to attend a technical college must include a description of how the course the pupil intends to take relates to the pupil's academic and career plan. This requirement becomes effective in the 2019–20 school year.

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