AN ACT ***to amend*** 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** the number of mathematics and science credits required 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 Improving Educational Opportunities in High School.

Under current law, a school board may not grant a high school diploma to any student unless the student has earned all of the following minimum credits in the high school grades: 4 credits of English; 3 credits of social studies; 2 credits of mathematics; 2 credits of science; and one and one−half credits of physical education. Current law also requires the completion of one−half credit of health education in grades 7 to 12 to earn a high school diploma.

This bill draft increases the required credits in mathematics and science to 3.

SECTION 1. 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.33 **(1)** (a) 1. In the high school grades, at least 4 credits of English including writing composition, 3 credits of social studies including state and local government, ~~2~~ 3 credits of mathematics, ~~2~~ 3 credits of science and 1.5 credits of physical education. The school board shall award a pupil a science credit for successfully completing in the high school grades each course in agriculture that the department has determined qualifies as science according to criteria established by the department.

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