



2017 SENATE BILL 234

May 11, 2017 - Introduced by Senators STROEBEL and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives THIESFELDT, HUTTON, KULP, KREMER, R. BROOKS, TUSLER and GANNON. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.30 (2) (b) 3. to 6.; and *to create* 118.30 (2) (b) 7. and 8. of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** allowing a pupil's parent or guardian to opt out of
3 certain statewide examinations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires, upon request of a parent or guardian, a school board, operator of an independent charter school, governing body of a private school participating in a parental choice program, and managing entity of an opportunity school to excuse a pupil enrolled in any grade from 3 to 12 from taking any examination required under state or federal law, except the civics test that is a requirement for high school graduation. Under current law, upon request from a parent or guardian, a school board, an operator of an independent charter school, and a governing body of a private school participating in a parental choice program must excuse a pupil in 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade from taking the knowledge and concepts examination adopted by the state superintendent of public instruction that is required to be administered to pupils in that grade.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 118.30 (2) (b) 3. to 6. of the statutes are amended to read:

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1 118.30 (2) (b) 3. Upon the request of ~~a pupil's~~ the parent or guardian, ~~the of~~
2 a pupil enrolled in any grade from 3 to 12, a school board shall excuse the pupil from
3 taking an any examination required under state or federal law, including any
4 examination administered under sub. (1m) or s. 118.301 (3).

5 4. Upon the request of ~~a pupil's~~ the parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in
6 any grade from 3 to 12, the operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x)
7 shall excuse the pupil from taking an any examination required under state or
8 federal law, including any examination administered under sub. (1r) or s. 118.301 (3).

9 5. Upon the request of ~~a pupil's~~ the parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in
10 any grade from 3 to 12, the governing body of a private school participating in the
11 program under s. 119.23 shall excuse the pupil from taking an any examination
12 required under state or federal law, including any examination administered under
13 sub. (1s) (a) to (cm) or s. 118.301 (3).

14 6. Upon the request of ~~a pupil's~~ the parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in
15 any grade from 3 to 12, the governing body of a private school participating in the
16 program under s. 118.60 shall excuse the pupil from taking an any examination
17 required under state or federal law, including any examination administered under
18 sub. (1t) (a) to (cm) or s. 118.301 (3).

19 **SECTION 2.** 118.30 (2) (b) 7. and 8. of the statutes are created to read:

20 118.30 (2) (b) 7. Upon the request of the parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled
21 in any grade from 3 to 12, any entity that, pursuant to s. 115.999 (3), 119.33 (2) (c),
22 or 119.9002 (3), is responsible for the operation and general management of a school
23 transferred to an opportunity schools and partnership program under s. 119.33 or
24 subch. IX of ch. 115 or subch. II of ch. 119 shall excuse the pupil from taking any

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1 examination required under state or federal law, including any examination
2 administered under sub. (1m), (1r), (1s), or (1t) or s. 118.301 (3).

3 8. Subdivisions 3. to 7. do not apply to the civics test under s. 118.33 (1m) (a)

4 1.

5 (END)