



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 60**  
[2009 Senate Bill 372]

**Using Results of Standardized  
Examinations to Evaluate Teachers**

### Current Law

Current law directs school districts to administer certain standardized examinations to pupils enrolled in the 4th, 8th, and 10th grades. Current law prohibits the school board from using the results of the examinations to evaluate teacher performance, to discharge, suspend, or formally discipline a teacher; or as the reason for the nonrenewal of a teacher's contract.

### 2009 Wisconsin Act 60

**2009 Wisconsin Act 60** allows the results of the state required standardized examinations and the standardized examinations required under the federal No Child Left Behind Act to be used for the evaluation of teacher performance if certain conditions are met. In order to use the results, the school board must develop a teacher evaluation plan that includes a description of the evaluation process, multiple criteria in addition to examination results, the rationale for using examination results for evaluating teachers, and an explanation of how the school board intends to use the evaluations to improve pupil academic achievement. Act 60 also requires a school district to bargain collectively over the development of or any changes to the teacher evaluation plan.

**Effective date:** The Act takes effect on November 24, 2009.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.