

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 151 [2017 Senate Bill 301]

State Aid for Online Health Education and Elective Courses

Under prior law, online summer school or interim session classes in most of the statutorily required content areas qualify for state aid to school districts offering the classes. Prior law did not allow online summer school or interim classes in health education or in elective classes to qualify for state aid.

2017 Wisconsin Act 151 expands the online summer school or interim classes that qualify for state aid. The expanded list includes any class that the school board determines would fulfill a high school graduation requirement, including a class in health education.

In general, state aid is paid to school districts on the basis of their membership. The Act incorporates the expanded set of qualifying classes into the process for calculating state aid based on average daily membership equivalent. Thus, school districts will receive state aid for them in the same manner as for other qualifying classes.

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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: <u>http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov</u>.