



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 458	Senate Amendment 1
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Senate Bill 458 relates to pupils enrolled in a home-based private education program attending courses at a public school.

Current Law

Under current law, a school board must allow a pupil enrolled in a home-based private educational program, who has met the standards for admission to the course, to attend up to two courses at a public school in the district during each school semester if the school board determines that there is sufficient space in the classroom.

The school board must determine the minimum standards for admission to a course offered by the school district at each grade. Current law also requires each school board of a district operating high school grades to determine the minimum standards for admission to high school.

Senate Bill 458

Senate Bill 458 requires each school board to determine the minimum standards for admission to a course offered by the school district in grades **kindergarten through eight**. Under the bill, it appears that a pupil who wishes to enroll in a high school course must meet the minimum standards for admission to high school.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 provides that a school board must allow a pupil enrolled in a home-based private educational program who has not met the district's minimum standards for admission into high school to attend up to two courses at a public school in the district during each school semester if the school board determines that the pupil qualifies for admission to those courses and if there is sufficient space in the classroom.

Bill History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Grothman. On February 13, 2014, the Senate Committee on Education voted unanimously to adopt Senate Amendment 1 and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended.

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