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2009 SENATE BILL 124

March 18, 2009 - Introduced by Senators HOPPER and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives A. Ott, Spanbauer, Townsend and Vos. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to amend 118.33 (1) (a) 1.; and to create 118.33 (1) (e) of the statutes;
relating to: granting high school credit for extracurricular sports and
requiring additional physical education credits for a high school diploma.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a high school pupil to earn 1.5 credits in physical education in order to be eligible for a high school diploma. This bill increases the number of physical education credits needed to two. The bill also authorizes a school board to adopt a policy granting a pupil credit in physical education for participating in an extracurricular sport if the sport is sanctioned by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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 credits of mathematics, 2 credits of science and $\frac{1.5}{2}$ credits of physical education.

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Section 2. 118.33 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
118.33 (1) (e) A school board may adopt a policy granting a pupil credit in
physical education under par. (a) 1. for completing a season in an extracurricular
sport if the sport is sanctioned by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.
If a school board adopts a policy under this paragraph, it shall provide the
department with a copy.
Section 3. Initial applicability.
(1) The treatment of section 118.33 (1) (e) of the statutes first applies to high
school diplomas granted on the effective date of this subsection.

(2) The treatment of section 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes first applies to high school diplomas granted during the 2013–14 school year.

12 (END)