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## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 78

March 5, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives KITCHENS, BRANDTJEN, E. BROOKS, JAGLER, HORLACHER, KLEEFISCH, MURPHY and THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senators FARROW, S. FITZGERALD, GUDEX, VUKMIR and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Education.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1     **AN ACT to amend** 115.385 (1) (intro.) and 115.415 (1); and **to create** 115.385 (1m)  
2             of the statutes; **relating to:** pupil assessments, evaluation of educator  
3             effectiveness, and school accountability reports.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to annually prepare accountability reports that evaluate the performance and improvement of each school and school district in the state and, beginning in the 2015–16 school year, of each participating private school and independent charter school. DPI must place each school and school district into one of five performance categories based on certain measures including pupil achievement in reading and mathematics.

This bill prohibits DPI from issuing a school accountability report for the 2014–15 school year.

Current law directs DPI to develop a system to evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and principals in public schools, including independent charter schools. Current law requires each school board and the governing body of each independent charter school to evaluate teachers and principals in the school district or charter school beginning in the 2014–15 school year. This bill delays until the 2015–16 school year the requirement to evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and principals.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 115.385 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           115.385 (1) (intro.) ~~Annually~~ Subject to sub. (1m), annually by September, the  
3 department shall publish a school and school district accountability report that  
4 includes all of the following components:

5           **SECTION 2.** 115.385 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

6           115.385 (1m) The department may not publish an accountability report for the  
7 2014-15 school year.

8           **SECTION 3.** 115.415 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           115.415 (1) The department shall develop an educator effectiveness evaluation  
10 system and an equivalency process aligned with the department's evaluation system  
11 for the evaluation of teachers and principals of public schools, including teachers and  
12 principals of a charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r), as provided in this  
13 section. Each school board and the governing body of each charter school established  
14 under s. 118.40 (2r) shall evaluate teachers and principals in the school district or  
15 charter school beginning in the ~~2014-15~~ 2015-16 school year.

16           **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

17           (1) Notwithstanding section 115.385 (1m) of the statutes, as created by this act,  
18 the department of public instruction may include measures of pupil performance on  
19 statewide assessment examinations administered under section 118.30 of the

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1 statutes in the 2014-15 school year in the longitudinal data system maintained  
2 under section 115.297 of the statutes.

3 (END)