



## 2013 SENATE BILL 51

March 1, 2013 – Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** the number of  
2     mathematics and science credits required for a high school diploma.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Improving Educational Opportunities in High School.

Under current law, a school board may not grant a high school diploma to any student unless the student has earned all of the following minimum credits in the high school grades: 4 credits of English; 3 credits of social studies; 2 credits of mathematics; 2 credits of science; and one and one-half credits of physical education. Current law also requires the completion of one-half credit of health education in grades 7 to 12 to earn a high school diploma.

This bill increases the required credits in mathematics and science to 3.

3     **SECTION 1.** 118.33 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     118.33 (1) (a) 1. In the high school grades, at least 4 credits of English including  
5     writing composition, 3 credits of social studies including state and local government,

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1     ~~2~~ 3 credits of mathematics, ~~2~~ 3 credits of science and 1.5 credits of physical  
2     education. The school board shall award a pupil a science credit for successfully  
3     completing in the high school grades each course in agriculture that the department  
4     has determined qualifies as science according to criteria established by the  
5     department.

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