HSED: Academic and Career Plans WLC: 0054/1

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AN ACT *to create* 115.28 (28) and 118.36 of the statutes; **relating to:** academic and career plans.

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

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

This bill draft provides for the use of academic and career plans for pupils, beginning in the 2015–16 school year. This bill draft requires the state superintendent to promulgate rules establishing procedures for the use of academic and career plans. The rules must also prescribe the form and content of the plans and a mechanism for school districts to demonstrate compliance. Lastly, this bill draft requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to include an appropriation in its 2015–17 budget request that requests aid to school districts to implement the use of academic and career plans.

SECTION 1. 115.28 (28) of the statutes is created to read:

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- 4 115.28 (28) ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANS. Promulgate rules establishing procedures
- 5 for the use of academic and career plans under s. 118.36. The rules shall prescribe the form
- and content of academic and career plans [and a mechanism for school districts to demonstrate
- 7 compliance with s. 118.36 and the rules promulgated under this subsection].

NOTE: This Section requires the state superintendent to promulgate rules establishing procedures for the use of academic and career plans. The rules must also prescribe the form and content of the plans and a mechanism for school districts to demonstrate compliance.

COMMENT: The rules establishing procedures for the use of academic and career plans could include requirements relating to the review of academic and career plans by students and parents or the involvement of certain school personnel in the development and review of academic and career plans.

The bracketed option contained in this SECTION relates to the question, to be considered by the committee, of whether school boards are required or encouraged to use academic and career plans. If school districts are encouraged, but not required, to use academic and career plans, a mechanism for school districts to demonstrate compliance might not be necessary.

SECTION 2. 118.36 of the statutes is created to read:

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118.36 Academic and career plans. (1) (1) In this section, "academic and career plan" means an individual plan designed for a pupil that includes a pupil's interests, secondary and post–secondary academic planning, career exploration and assessment, and career planning.

(2) [Each school board shall provide access to an academic and career plan that complies with rules promulgated under s. 115.28 (28) for each pupil beginning in [grade 6] [grade 7] [grade 8] until the completion of grade 12.] [The state superintendent shall encourage school boards to provide access to an academic and career plan that complies with rules promulgated under s. 115.28 (28) for each pupil beginning in [grade 6] [grade 7] [grade 8] until the completion of the grade 12.]

Note: This Section relates to the use of academic and career plans by school boards.

COMMENT: The bracketed options contained in this SECTION relate to the following questions to be considered by the committee: (1) should school boards be required or encouraged to use academic and career plans; and (2) should the use of academic and career plans begin in grade 6, 7, or 8?

The committee also might consider whether to specify that this Section applies to students with individualized education plans (IEPs).

SECTION 3. Initial applicability. The creation of section 118.36 of the statutes first applies to school years beginning after July 1, 2015.

NOTE: This Section provides that the use of academic and career plans first applies to the 2015–16 school year.

SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions; Public Instruction.

(1) BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST. The department of public instruction shall include an appropriation in its 2015–17 budget request to the department of administration that requests aid to school districts to implement section 118.36 of the statutes, as created by this act.

(2) RULES. The state superintendent shall submit in proposed form the rules required under section 115.28 (28) of the statutes, as created by this act, to the legislative council staff under section 227.15 (1) of the statutes no later than the first day of the 13th month beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

Note: This Section requires DPI to include an appropriation in its 2015–17 budget request that requests aid to school districts to implement the use of academic and career plans. In addition, this Section requires the state superintendent to submit the proposed rules, to be promulgated under s. 115.28 (28), stats., to the Legislative Council's Rule Clearinghouse no later than the first day of the 13th month beginning after the act's effective date.

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