



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT to amend** 115.385 (6) and 115.415 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 requirements to administer pupil assessments in the 2020-21 school year and
3 publishing a school and school district accountability report for the 2020-21
4 school year.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under the bill, requirements to administer various pupil assessments do not apply in the 2020-21 school year. The bill also prohibits the Department of Public Instruction from publishing a school and school district accountability report for the 2020-21 school year.

PUPIL ASSESSMENTS

Under current law, school boards, independent charter schools, private schools participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, Racine Parental Choice Program, or Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, and, under some circumstances, a private school participating in the Special Needs Scholarship Program are required to annually administer assessments adopted by DPI to pupils in the fourth, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades. These assessments are commonly referred to as the Wisconsin Student Assessment System, which includes the Wisconsin Forward Exam, ACT ASPIRE, the ACT with Writing, and Dynamic Learning Maps. The requirements to administer the WSAS did not apply in the 2019-20 school year. Under the bill, the requirements to administer the WSAS do not apply in the 2020-21 school year.

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Current law also requires school boards, independent charter schools, and private schools participating in a parental choice program to annually administer a standardized reading test developed by DPI to third grade pupils. The requirements to administer the third grade standardized reading test did not apply in the 2019-20 school year. Under the bill, the requirements to administer the third grade standardized reading test do not apply in the 2020-21 school year.

Under current law, school boards and independent charter schools are required to evaluate teachers and principals using an educator effectiveness evaluation system that considers pupil performance on statewide assessments. School boards and independent charter schools were prohibited from considering pupil performance on statewide assessments in evaluating teachers and principals in the 2019-20 school year. Under the bill, the prohibition against considering pupil performance on statewide assessments in evaluating teachers and principals also applies in 2020-21 school year.

SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Under current law, DPI is required to publish a school and school district accountability report for the previous school year by November 30. To measure school performance and school district improvement for purposes of the report card, particularly measures related to pupil achievement in reading and math, DPI uses data derived from pupil performance on the WSAS.

Under current law, schools and school districts were not required to administer the WSAS in the 2019-20 school year and DPI is prohibited from publishing a school and school district accountability report in the 2020-21 school year. Under the bill, schools and school districts are not required to administer the WSAS in the 2020-21 school year and DPI is prohibited from publishing a school and school district accountability report in the 2021-22 school year.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 115.385 (6) of the statutes, as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 185,
2 is amended to read:
3 115.385 (6) The department ~~shall~~ may not publish a school and school district
4 accountability report under this section in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school year
5 years.

