

Assembly Democrat Mark Radcliffe of Black River Falls has sponsored a new bill in the state Legislature to let high school seniors get vocational degrees instead of traditional diplomas. It would let students bypass the normal math, English, and science requirements and focus instead on skills directly related to what employers need. Lacrosse School District Superintendent, Randy Nelson, disagrees.

James Golembeski, director of the workforce development board in northeast Wisconsin, says he's excited about the proposal. He says the schools are giving many kids a lot of what they don't need. Groups for Wisconsin school boards and administrators oppose it.