

Session 120 - (2013-2014)

H*4840 (Rat #0308, Act #0272 of 2014) General Bill, By Putnam, Owens, Stringer, Burns, Rivers, Bowen, Clyburn, Thayer, Wood, Wells, Dillard, Robinson-Simpson, R.L. Brown and Mitchell

Summary: High School Equivalency Diploma Accessibility Act

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA ACCESSIBILITY ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-43-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL SELECT A TEST OR TEST BATTERY THAT ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES SUCCESSFULLY MAY COMPLETE TO RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TEST BATTERIES MUST HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE APPROPRIATE RIGOR FOR A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAM AND MUST BE VALID AND RELIABLE FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THESE TEST BATTERIES ARE ADMINISTERED, TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD SHALL SELECT AT LEAST ONE TEST BATTERY MEETING THIS RIGOR REQUIREMENT THAT IS AVAILABLE IN PAPER AND PENCIL FORM, IF ONE IS AVAILABLE, AND THAT THE APPROVED TEST BATTERIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN PAPER AND PENCIL FORM AND DEPENDENT ON COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY MUST BE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES IN BOTH FORMS, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TEST BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO CERTAIN REGULATIONS AND POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMAS TO ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE TEST OR TEST BATTERY AFTER JANUARY 1, 2015; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-43-20, RELATING TO POWERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH RESPECT TO BASIC ADULT AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND CLARIFY APPLICABILITY. - ratified title

03/04/14	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 77)
03/04/14	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 77)
03/20/14	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wells, Dillard, Robinson-Simpson, R.L.Brown, Mitchell
04/10/14	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works
04/11/14		Scrivener's error corrected
04/30/14	House	Amended (House Journal-page 45)
04/30/14	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 45)
04/30/14	House	Roll call Yeas-102 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 47)
05/01/14	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 25)
05/01/14	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 12)
05/01/14	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 12)
05/01/14		Scrivener's error corrected
05/28/14	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Education (Senate Journal-page 26)
06/03/14	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 50)
06/03/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 50)
06/04/14	Senate	Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 18)
06/05/14		Ratified R 308
06/09/14		Signed By Governor
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