

## 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

<b>03/04/14</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 77)</b>
<b>03/04/14</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 77)</b>
<b>03/20/14</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wells, Dillard, Robinson-Simpson, R.L.Brown, Mitchell</b>
<b>04/10/14</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works</b>
<b>04/11/14</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>04/30/14</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended (House Journal-page 45)</b>
<b>04/30/14</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time (House Journal-page 45)</b>
<b>04/30/14</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-102 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 47)</b>
<b>05/01/14</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 25)</b>
<b>05/01/14</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 12)</b>
<b>05/01/14</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 12)</b>
<b>05/01/14</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>05/28/14</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable Education (Senate Journal-page 26)</b>
<b>06/03/14</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 50)</b>
<b>06/03/14</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 50)</b>
<b>06/04/14</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 18)</b>
<b>06/05/14</b>		<b>Ratified R 308</b>
<b>06/09/14</b>		<b>Signed By Governor</b>
<b>06/13/14</b>		<b>Effective date 06/09/14</b>
<b>06/26/14</b>		<b>Act No. 272</b>