

House Engrossed Senate Bill
juveniles; educational classes; discretionary

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SENATE BILL 1682

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-2822.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 41-2822.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 41-2822.01. Education requirement for committed youth

5 A. A committed youth who is confined in a secure care facility and
6 WHO has not received a high school diploma, a high school certificate of
7 equivalency or an exception from the director shall attend school full
8 time and make satisfactory progress in educational classes. A committed
9 youth who is confined in a secure care facility and WHO has achieved a
10 high school diploma or a high school certificate of equivalency may attend
11 or participate in regular classes or the educational programming
12 established or provided by the department as the department deems
13 appropriate.

14 B. If a COMMITTED youth regularly attends and is making
15 satisfactory progress in educational classes as prescribed in this
16 section, the COMMITTED youth shall be required to work at least twenty
17 hours a week with up to ten hours of homework a week counting toward this
18 requirement.

19 C. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, A COMMITTED YOUTH
20 WHO IS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE, HAS NOT RECEIVED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, A
21 HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EQUIVALENCY OR AN EXCEPTION FROM THE DIRECTOR
22 AND WHO IS FUNCTIONALLY LITERATE MAY TAKE THE GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA
23 TEST OR AN EQUIVALENCY TEST APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIOR
24 TO RELEASE FROM A SECURE CARE FACILITY. THE COMMITTED YOUTH MAY BE
25 REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE READINESS FOR THE GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA TEST
26 THROUGH AN ASSESSMENT OR BY COMPLETION OF A PRACTICE TEST IN ORDER TO
27 REQUEST ADMINISTRATION OF THE GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA TEST OR AN
28 EQUIVALENCY TEST APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.