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Introduced by
Senators Gonzales: Hatathlie

AN ACT

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

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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~~ MAY BE REQUIRED TO
8 attend school full time and make satisfactory progress in educational
9 classes. A committed youth who is confined in a secure care facility and
10 WHO has achieved a high school diploma or a high school certificate of
11 equivalency may attend or participate in regular classes or the
12 educational programming established or provided by the department as the
13 department deems 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 HAS NOT RECEIVED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, A HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF
21 EQUIVALENCY OR AN EXCEPTION FROM THE DIRECTOR AND WHO IS FUNCTIONALLY
22 LITERATE MAY TAKE THE GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA TEST OR AN EQUIVALENCY
23 TEST APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT ANY TIME.