

House Engrossed Senate Bill

juveniles; educational classes; discretionary

State of Arizona  
Senate  
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## **CHAPTER 363**

# **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.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JULY 6, 2022.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JULY 6, 2022.