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SYNOPSIS

Permits student whose high school special education program requires instruction beyond four years to participate with his class in graduation ceremony and to receive certificate of attendance.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on February 14, 2008, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning the participation of certain students in high
2 school graduation ceremonies and supplementing chapter 7C of
3 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. This act shall be known as and may be cited as “Alicia’s
9 Law.”

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11 2. a. The board of education of a school district and the board
12 of trustees of a charter school shall permit a student who has been
13 classified as eligible for special education programs and services
14 pursuant to chapter 46 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and
15 whose individualized education program prescribes continued
16 special education programs beyond the fourth year of high school to
17 participate in commencement ceremonies with his graduating class
18 and to receive a certificate of attendance, provided that the student
19 has attended four years of high school.

20 b. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a
21 classified student from receiving a high school diploma when the
22 student satisfactorily completes his individualized education
23 program and has met appropriate graduation requirements.

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25 3. This act shall take effect immediately ¹**[and shall first apply**
26 **to the 2006-2007 school year]**¹.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted February 14, 2008.