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SYNOPSIS
Provides that minimum passing scores on Tests of General Educational Development for receipt of State-issued high school diploma will be minimum scores set by American Council on Education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
AN ACT concerning State-issued high school diplomas and

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

1. Section 1 of P.L.2008, c.25 (C.18A:50A-1) is amended to
read as follows:
1. A State-issued high school diploma shall be provided by the
New Jersey Department of Education to persons 16 years of age or
older and no longer enrolled in school to document the attainment
of academic skills and knowledge equivalent to a high school
education. Demonstration of the appropriate level of academic
competency for receipt of the State-issued high school diploma
shall include, but need not be limited to, passage of the Tests of
General Educational Development (GED) of the American Council
on Education. The Statewide standard scores for passage of the
GED tests shall be the minimum passing standard set by the
council. (cf: P.L.2008, c.25, s.1)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Under current law, State-issued high school diplomas are
provided by the Department of Education to persons 16 years of age
or older who are no longer enrolled in school to document the
attainment of academic skills and knowledge equivalent to a high
school education. Under the law, such persons are able to
demonstrate the attainment of the requisite skills and knowledge
necessary for receipt of a State-issued high school diploma by
passage of the Tests of General Educational Development (GED) of
the American Council on Education.

Under State Board of Education regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:20-
1.4(a)1.i., the minimum passing standard scores for the GED tests
set by the American Council on Education are accepted for the
issuance of a State high school diploma by resolution of the State
board. If these are not adopted, the State board determines the
minimum passing scores.

This bill amends current law to provide that the minimum
passing standard scores for the GED tests for a State-issued high
school diploma will be the scores set by the American Council on
Education.

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.