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P.L. 2008, CHAPTER 25, *approved June 30, 2008*
Senate, No. 1910

1 AN ACT concerning State-issued high school diplomas and
2 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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8 New Jersey Department of Education to persons 16 years of age or
9 older and no longer enrolled in school to document the attainment
10 of academic skills and knowledge equivalent to a high school
11 education. Demonstration of the appropriate level of academic
12 competency for receipt of the State-issued high school diploma
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14 General Educational Development (GED) of the American Council
15 on Education.
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21 necessary to implement the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
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24 exceed 12 months. Rules and regulations shall thereafter be
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31 or re-examination of the Tests of General Educational Development
32 (GED) of the American Council on Education; provided that the
33 fees shall not exceed the actual cost of the tests and their
34 administration; and

35 b. the establishment of the manner in which a not for profit third
36 party may participate in the administration of examinations and re-

1 examinations of the Tests of General Educational Development
2 (GED) and in the collection of fees from person seeking a high
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5 be in conformance with the application and approval process
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7 Educational Development Testing Service of the American Council
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10 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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SENATE, No. 1910

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 22, 2008

Sponsored by:

Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER

District 15 (Mercer)

Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN

District 20 (Union)

SYNOPSIS

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/17/2008)

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1910

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 5, 2008

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1910.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2895

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 5, 2008

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN

District 20 (Union)

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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