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Senator Williams

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A BILL

To amend section 3313.617 of the Revised Code with 1
regard to the administration and cost of the 2
tests of general educational development 3
required to earn a high school equivalence 4
diploma. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3313.617 of the Revised Code be 6
amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 3313.617. (A) A person who meets all of the following 8
criteria shall be permitted to take the tests of general 9
educational development: 10

(1) The person is at least eighteen years of age. 11

(2) The person is officially withdrawn from school. 12

(3) The person has not received a high school diploma or 13
honors diploma awarded under section 3313.61, 3313.611, 14
3313.612, or 3325.08 of the Revised Code. 15

(B) (1) When a person who is at least sixteen years of age 16
but less than eighteen years of age applies to the department of 17

education to take the tests of general educational development, 18
the person shall submit with the application written approval 19
from the person's parent or guardian or a court official. 20

~~(C)~~ (2) For the purpose of calculating graduation rates 21
for the school district and building report cards under section 22
3302.03 of the Revised Code, the department shall count any 23
person for whom approval is obtained from the person's parent or 24
guardian or a court official under division (B) (1) of this 25
section as a dropout from the district or school in which the 26
person was last enrolled prior to obtaining the approval. 27

(C) If a person takes the tests of general educational 28
development and fails to attain the scores required to earn a 29
high school equivalence diploma, as defined in section 5107.40 30
of the Revised Code, on the entire battery of tests, that person 31
shall be required to retake only the specific test on which the 32
person did not attain a passing score in order to earn a high 33
school equivalence diploma. If a person retakes a specific test, 34
that person shall be responsible only for the cost of that test 35
and not for the cost of the entire battery of tests, unless that 36
person is retaking the entire battery. 37

Section 2. That existing section 3313.617 of the Revised 38
Code is hereby repealed. 39