

Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

HB 265 — High School Equivalency Diplomas

by Reps. Plasencia, Lopez, J., and others (SB 1004 by Senators Torres, Perry, Rodriguez, Thompson, and Osgood)

The bill prohibits a district school board from requiring a student at least 16 years of age to take any course before taking the General Educational Development (GED) exam for a high school equivalency diploma, unless the student fails to achieve a passing score on the GED practice test as established by State Board of Education rule.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 113-0