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Raised Bill No. 151

LCO No. 1073

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL TEST TIMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 5 of public act 03-174 is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) [No] Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, no
4 examination required for students in the seventh through twelfth
5 grades, inclusive, pursuant to this chapter, or in accordance with the
6 provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, shall be
7 administered earlier than nine o'clock a.m., except that for the school
8 year commencing in 2003, the state-wide tenth grade mastery test shall
9 not be administered earlier than 8:30 a.m.

10 (b) For each of the school years commencing in 2003 and 2004, a
11 local or regional board of education may apply to the Commissioner of
12 Education for a waiver from the testing times prescribed in subsection
13 (a) of this section. The commissioner may grant such waiver if the
14 application (1) shows cause why all other reasonable alternatives are
15 not feasible, and (2) provides evidence that the school board, with
16 notice to parents, students and teachers, shall hold a public hearing no

17 later than sixty days from the date of application on the effects of
18 adolescent sleep deprivation and school scheduling. No later than
19 thirty days after such hearing, the school board shall forward the
20 minutes of the hearing to the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To allow school districts to administer the tenth grade mastery test for the 2003-2004 school year to students as early as 8:30 a.m. and to apply for a waiver from prescribed test times for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]