



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM REFORM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2005, the
2 Department of Education shall establish a Connecticut Blue Ribbon
3 Commission on High School Curriculum Reform comprised of
4 teachers, administrators, business leaders, higher education officials,
5 vocational-technical school representatives, policymakers, parents and
6 students to study how high schools in this state can be redesigned to
7 become more rigorous and better connected to the needs of the
8 workplace and academic demands of higher education by providing
9 for more opportunities for students to have access to: (1) College
10 credits while in secondary school, (2) industry-recognized certification
11 before graduation, (3) voluntary remedial courses in core subjects
12 when a student underperforms. The task force shall also study
13 strategies to better align the high school curriculum with the demands
14 of the higher education system and the curricula of middle schools.
15 Not later than February 1, 2006, the task force shall report its findings,
16 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
17 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly

18 having cognizance of matters relating to education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To review and propose strategies to redesign public high schools to enhance the preparation of graduates for the demands of college and the workplace.

[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.]