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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery-Armed Forces Qualifying Test to be offered as alternative assessment for high school graduation proficiency test requirement.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning public high school graduation requirements and
2 supplementing P.L.1979, c.241 (C.18A:7C-1 et seq.).

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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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7 1. The State Board of Education shall recognize the Armed
8 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery-Armed Forces Qualifying
9 Test (ASVAB-AFQT) as an alternative assessment for the high
10 school graduation proficiency test requirement.

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12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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17 This bill requires the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery-
18 Armed Forces Qualifying Test to be offered as alternative
19 assessment for the high school graduation proficiency test
20 requirement.

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22 Current law requires public high school students to pass the State
23 graduation proficiency test to demonstrate mastery of the State
24 graduation proficiency standards. State Board of Education
25 regulations establish graduation pathways, which provide that a
26 student may demonstrate proficiency by: 1) achieving a passing
27 score on the State graduation proficiency test; 2) achieving a
28 passing score on a corresponding substitute competency test; or 3)
29 demonstrating proficiency through the portfolio appeals process.

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31 The regulations define “substitute competency test” to mean, for
32 students in the classes of 2018 through 2022, an alternative set of
33 third-party assessments approved by the Commissioner, including,
34 but not limited to, the SAT, PSAT, ACT, ACT-Aspire, Armed
35 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery-Armed Forces Qualifying
36 Test, or Accuplacer, that can be used to demonstrate competency in
37 the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for students who have
38 not demonstrated proficiency on the State graduation proficiency
39 test.

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41 In May 2023, the State Board of Education approved the
42 graduation test requirements for the 2024 and 2025 classes, as well
43 as the list of substitute competency tests, but removed the Armed
44 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery-Armed Forces Qualifying
45 Test. It is the intent of this bill to reinstate the Armed Services
46 Vocational Aptitude Battery-Armed Forces Qualifying Test as an
47 alternative assessment by adding it back to the list of substitute
48 competency tests.