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LD 1666 / HP1152

Original Title: An Act To Ensure the Successful Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas by Extending the Timeline for Phasing in Their Implementation. New Title: An Act To Ensure the Successful Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant To Joint Rule 203.) Presented by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Public Hearing 02/07/18. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/21/18. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-777, HA/CA H-797. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 07/10/18, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 466.

Original Bill

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Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

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Committee Materials

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New Drafts and Amendments

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News Articles

Lewiston school board opposed to delaying new diploma (Bonnie Washuk) (Sun Journal, 1/30/2018, p. B1, B2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/Sun Journal 180130A.pdf)

Department of Education may change proficiency-based diploma standards (Robbie Feiberg) (Bangor Daily News, 2/26/2018, p. B1, B2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/BDN 180226C.pdf)

Maine rethinks requiring student proficiency to earn a diploma (Noel K. Gallagher) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 3/4/2018, p. A1, A9) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/MST 180304B.pdf)

In Maine schools, 'proficiency' may not mean what you think it does (Heidi Sampson) (Kennebec Journal, 3/20/2018, p. A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/KJ 180320A.pdf)

Schools say they'll stick with proficiency diploma (Kate Irish Collins) (Southern Forecaster, 3/23/2018, p. 1, 7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/Southern Forecaster 180323A.pdf)

Why proficiency-based education is so important (Flynn Ross) (Bangor Daily News, 3/28/2018, p. A7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/BDN 180328F.pdf)

Maine public will get a say on dropping proficiency-based graduation standards (Noel K. Gallagher) (Portland Press Herald, 3/28/2018, p. B5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/PPH 180328F.pdf)

Changing to proficiency-based teaching is challenging, but worth it (Karen McDonald) (Portland Press Herald, 3/29/2018, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/PPH 180329B.pdf)

Scores attend legislative hearing to debate merits of proficiency based diploma (Noel K. Gallagher) (Portland Press Herald, 4/10/2018, p. B1, B5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/PPH 180410C.pdf)

Maine should stay the course of proficiency-based diplomas (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 4/11/2018, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/BDN 180411B.pdf)

Legislators learn about proficiency-based education (Dan Dinsmore) (Ellsworth American, 4/12/2018, p. Sec. II, p.4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/Ellsworth American 180412G.pdf)

Legislative panel votes to remove requirement for proficiency-based diplomas (Noel K. Gallagher) (Portland Press Herald, 4/14/2018, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/PPH 180414A.pdf)

The path to proficiency-based diplomas doesn't have to follow 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 5/31/2018, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/BDN 180531E.pdf)

Legislators vote to ease Maine's proficiency-based education mandate, allow more 'local control' (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 6/28/2018, p. A1, A11) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/PPH 180628A.pdf)

LePage can take a stand for equality in education by vetoing this bill (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 6/29/2018, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/BDN 180629C.pdf)

LePage signs bill to repeal proficiency-based diploma mandate (Maine Public) (Bangor Daily News, 7/21/2018, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/BDN 180721-22B.pdf)

New law lets Maine school districts decide how students make the grade to graduate (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 7/21/2018, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/PPH 180721C.pdf)

Maine had a chance to set students up for success Instead, we failed our kids (Brian Langley) (Bangor Daily News, 7/28/2018, p. D1, D3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/BDN 180728-29C.pdf)

New law forces Maine schools to restart search for a way to define student success (Nick McCrea) (Bangor Daily News, 8/2/2018, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/BDN 180802A.pdf)

Advocates blast proficiency-based standards rollback (Kate Cough) (Ellsworth American, 8/2/2018, p. Sec. I, p.1, 4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/Ellsworth American 180802B.pdf)

Education standards change setting Maine students up for failure (Jill Goldthwait) (Ellsworth American, 8/2/2018, p. Sec. II, p.1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/Ellsworth American 180802G.pdf)

Striking the balance with proficiency-based diplomas (Jim Dill) (Lincoln News/Katahdin Region News, 8/2/2018, p. 20) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1666/Clip18294.PDF)

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