

HOUSE BILL 830

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By: **Delegate Rudolph**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2013

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alternatives to the General Educational Development Tests – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of Workforce Development and Adult
4 Learning in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to conduct a
5 certain study regarding the evaluation of alternative methods for obtaining the
6 equivalent of a high school diploma; requiring the Division to submit the results
7 of the study to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally
8 relating to a study regarding the evaluation of alternative methods for obtaining
9 the equivalent of a high school diploma.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (a) The Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning in the
13 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall conduct a study to identify
14 alternative methods for an individual to earn the equivalent of a high school diploma
15 without passing the General Educational Development tests.

16 (b) When conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section,
17 the Division shall consider whether:

18 (1) an alternative method presents greater opportunities for
19 individuals to obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma;

20 (2) an alternative method adequately measures the major subject area
21 knowledge and skills considered to be the outcomes of a high school education;

22 (3) the costs of an alternative method as compared with the costs of
23 the General Educational Development tests justify the adoption of an alternative
24 method;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) other jurisdictions have studied or adopted an alternative method;
2 and

3 (5) an alternative method provides foreign language and disability
4 accommodations.

5 (c) On or before December 1, 2013, the Division of Workforce Development
6 and Adult Learning shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of
7 the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the results of the study
8 conducted under this section.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
11 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
12 abrogated and of no further force and effect.