

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 59
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Senator Britt” and substitute “Senators Britt, Jones, and McFadden”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 16, after “(4)” insert “(I)”; in line 17, after “TIME” insert “WITH A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA”; and after line 18, insert:

“(II) “GRADUATION RATE FORMULA” DOES NOT INCLUDE STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE ON TIME WITH A GED OR OTHER CERTIFICATE NOT ALIGNED WITH STATE STANDARDS.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, in line 14, strike “That in” and substitute “That:

(a) Unless the State Board of Education chooses to comply with subsection (b) of this section before 2010, in”;

and after line 18, insert:

“(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, by 2010, the State Department of Education shall use as the additional high school indicator the graduation rate defined under Section 1 of this Act, including permissible adjustments consistent with the federal No Child Left Behind Act that allows additional time for students with disabilities, students with limited English proficiency, and other students when educationally appropriate based on an individualized review of a student’s pathway to graduation.”.