

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

BILL #:	HB 7135	FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:	
SPONSOR(S):	Rules & Calendar Committee Oliva	117 Y's	0 N's
COMPANION BILLS:	SB 940	GOVERNOR'S ACTION:	Pending

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 7135 passed the House on April 1, 2014, as SB 940.

Section 38, Ch. 2013-51, Laws of Florida, directed the Division of Law Revision and Information to prepare a reviser's bill for the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature to change the terms "General Educational Development test" or "GED test" to "high school equivalency examination" and the terms "general education diploma," "graduate equivalency diploma," or "GED" to "high school equivalency diploma" wherever those terms appear in the Florida Statutes. HB 7135 is a product of that directive.

Subject to the Governor's veto powers, the effective date of this bill is July 1, 2014.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

A reviser's bill proposes technical, non-substantive changes in the Florida Statutes as part of the ongoing revision and editing of the statutes as directed by the Legislature. On occasion, such as when program names are changed, a substantive law making such change will direct legislative offices to prepare a reviser's bill for consideration in a subsequent session, updating all the statutory references affected by the name change. HB 7135 follows that pattern, changing statutory references from "General Educational Development test" or "GED test" to "high school equivalency examination." It further changes statutory references from "general education diploma," "graduate equivalency diploma," or "GED" to "high school equivalency diploma."

The effect of a reviser's bill is technical in nature only; the provisions of the bill do not change current substantive law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues: See FISCAL COMMENTS in Part II, D.
2. Expenditures: See FISCAL COMMENTS in Part II, D.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues: See FISCAL COMMENTS in Part II, D.
2. Expenditures: See FISCAL COMMENTS in Part II, D.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR: See FISCAL COMMENTS in Part II, D.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS: This reviser's bill is a technical, non-substantive bill correcting statutory references. The bill has no fiscal impact on state or local governments or on the private sector.