

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Rules

BILL: SB 940

INTRODUCER: Senator Thrasher

SUBJECT: Florida Statutes

DATE: February 11, 2014

REVISED: _____

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. Pollitz (DLRI)	Phelps	RC	Pre-meeting

I. Summary:

The Division of Law Revision and Information of the Office of Legislative Services is required, by statute, to conduct a systematic and continuing study of the Florida Statutes. The purpose of this study is to recommend to the Legislature changes that will remove inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition from the statutes; improve clarity and facilitate correct interpretation; correct grammatical and typographical errors; and delete obsolete, repealed, or superseded provisions. These recommendations are submitted to the Legislature in the form of technical, nonsubstantive reviser's bills. Responses to directives from the Legislature to make specific changes in the statutes, such as renaming a department, are also submitted to the Legislature via reviser's bills.

The Division of Law Revision and Information was directed by the Legislature, in s. 38, ch. 2013-51, Laws of Florida, 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.

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: ss. 322.091, 334.351, 414.1251, 440.491, 445.024, 468.304, 478.45, 480.035, 480.041, 944.1905, 944.275, 944.801, 958.045, 985.601, 1001.42, 1003.21, 1003.51, 1003.52, 1004.02, 1004.65, 1004.93, 1008.345, and 1009.21, F.S.

II. Present Situation:

Section 38, ch. 2013-51, Laws of Florida, directed the Division of Law Revision and Information to change the terms "General Educational Development test" and "GED test" to "high school equivalency examination" and the terms "general education diploma," "graduate equivalency diploma," and "GED" to "high school equivalency diploma" wherever those terms appear in the Florida Statutes.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill revises Florida Statutes text to conform to the directive in s. 38, ch. 2013-51, Laws of Florida, to replace statutory references to the terms “General Educational Development test” and “GED test” with the term “high school equivalency examination” and replace the terms “general education diploma,” “graduate equivalency diploma,” and “GED” with the term “high school equivalency diploma” wherever the terms appear in the Florida Statutes.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

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IX. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
