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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 287

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 152, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 152. State high school diploma requirements; ~~certificate of performance~~.

4 (a) The Department of Education shall award a regular "State of Delaware High School Diploma" to a student
5 graduating from a Delaware public high school.

6 (b) The Department shall award diplomas under subsection (a) of this section to students who:

7 (1) Successfully complete the prescribed course requirements established by the State, or the district or charter
8 school, if district or charter school credit requirements are higher than those of the State; and

9 (d) The Department shall ~~issue a Certificate of Performance~~ award a State of Delaware – Diploma of Alternate
10 Achievement Standards to a student who has met the requirements of the student's Individualized Education Program and is
11 eligible to take a statewide alternate assessment, ~~but has not completed~~ will not complete the high school graduation course
12 credit requirements established by the State, ~~or the district, if district credit requirements are higher than those of the State~~
13 State, district, or charter school for a regular "State of Delaware High School Diploma" under subsection (a) of this section.

14 (e) The Department, with the consent of the State Board of Education, shall promulgate rules and regulations to
15 implement this section.

16 Section 2. If this Act is enacted before or on June 30, 2018, this Act takes effect on July 1, 2018 and is applicable
17 beginning in the 2018 through 2019 academic school year. If this Act is enacted after June 30, 2018, this Act takes effect on
18 July 1, 2019 and is applicable beginning in the 2019 through 2020 academic school year.

SYNOPSIS

This Substitute Bill makes the following changes to House Bill No. 287:

1. It changes the name of the new diploma to a "Diploma of Alternate Achievement Standards" instead of a "Diploma of Modified Performance Standards."
2. It adds a requirement that a student must be eligible to take a statewide alternate assessment to receive the new diploma.
3. The Act takes effect in the academic year after enactment.