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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# SENATE BILL NO. 32
AS AMENDED BY
SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

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