

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Huffman, Komp, Parrish, Gelser, Wingard
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies persons eligible to provide consent for award of high school diplomas, modified diplomas and extended diplomas and for advancing student to next grade level. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current law regarding parental consent
- Effect on special education students aged 18 to 21
- Students over 18 whose wishes conflict with those of their parents

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current law provides that school districts must obtain written consent from parents or guardians in order for students to receive modified or extended diplomas. Since many students receiving special education services continue to attend school to the age of 21, HB 2285 clarifies that students over 18 determined to have the ability to give informed consent may do so for purposes of deciding which type of diploma they receive and exempts them from the requirement to obtain parental consent.