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Senate Bill 129

"An Act relating to public high school competency examination; and providing for an effective date."

Sponsor Statement

The students in Alaska who comprise the High School Class of 2002 are the first group who will need to pass the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination (HSGQE) in order to receive a high school diploma. The initial scores of these students indicate that an unacceptable number of them may not do well enough to receive a diploma.

Senate Bill 129 amends the existing statute regarding secondary pupil competency testing, while allowing the mandatory testing date of 2002. This bill also extends the dates for required passage in order to receive a high school diploma until 2004 for the reading and English portions of the test and 2005 for math portion.

During the transition period, those students who do have a passing score on any portion of the HSGQE will receive acknowledgement of that achievement on their diplomas and transcripts.