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AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 31-0391

Offered by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Bill No. 31-0391, internal section 84 is amended as follows:

- (a) Page 1, subsection (c), line 10, by adding the following sentence at the end of subsection (c): "However, the instructional curriculum must include the subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.";
- (b) Page 1, subsection (d), line 11 by inserting "the Board of Education" after "Commissioner";
- (c) Page 3, subsection (h) by adding the following sentence at the end of the subsection:
"Notwithstanding the ruling of a court or other administrative body, a parent is not prohibited from filing a notice of home instruction at a later date."
- (d) Page 3, subsection (i) is amended as follows:
 - (1) lines 3 and 4 by striking "the Commissioner may request a portfolio of the work of each home instruction student" and inserting "the Commissioner shall request a portfolio of the work of the child"; and
 - (2) by striking the last sentence and inserting: "The Department of Education may interview a child as part of the annual review process. A parent may choose to be present at any interview conducted by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee. A parent shall retain a copy of all portfolios submitted to the Department of Education until the child has received a high school diploma."

(e) Page 4, by adding at the end of subsection (m) the following sentence: "A parent shall submit a copy of the high school diploma awarded upon completion of home instruction to the Department of Education."

(f) page 4, subsection (o) is amended as follows:

(1) by striking "Personally identifiable information, including directory information, is" and inserting "All records provided to the Commissioner, including personally identifiable and directory information, transcripts, ACT, SAT and PSAT scores, and any other standardized test scores, are"; and

(2) by inserting at the end of subsection (o) the following sentence: "The Department of Education shall retain the records of home instructed children as it does for children attending public schools."

(g) By re-designation the subsections accordingly and adding a new subsection (j) to read:

"(j) The Commissioner may request that a child take a standardized test grade levels 3, 5, 8 and 11. The test results must be submitted to the Commissioner not later than 30 days after the parent has received the results.""