

HB 140 -- STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SPONSOR: Spencer

This bill establishes the Student Accountability Act. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the bill requires that a notation be placed on a student's high school diploma if he or she has scored at least one point above the national average or, if there is no national average available, the statewide average, on a comprehensive assessment or assessments, taken after the student's eighth-grade year, including the ACT, the ACT Compass, the high school equivalency examination, the ASVAB, an end-of-course statewide assessment in each core area of mathematics, communication arts, social sciences, and science, or any national norm-referenced examination intended to be taken by students in 11th or 12th grade. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) must determine the appearance and placement of the notation and all students who qualify must receive the same notation.

This bill repeals a section prohibiting DESE from participating in certain aspects relating to high school diplomas.

This bill is similar to HB 1946 (2016).