

CHAPTER 60

AN ACT concerning administration of graduation assessments for high school students.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1979, c.241 (C.18A:7C-1 et seq.) or of any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the State Board of Education, in coordination with the Commissioner of Education, shall administer the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment required pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1979, c.241 (C.18A:7C-6) as a field test for 11th grade students expected to graduate as part of the class of 2023. Under no circumstances shall the results of the field test, a substitute competency test, or any other demonstration of proficiency through techniques and instruments other than a standardized test pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1979, c.241 (C.18A:7C-3) be used as a prerequisite for graduation for students expected to graduate as part of the class of 2023.

b. In conducting field testing of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education shall use the results of the test to assist in the development of State graduation proficiency tests for future graduating classes.

c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or amend local graduation requirements adopted by a board of education.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on July 1, 2023.

Approved July 5, 2022.