

**ADOPTED**

Senator Ligon of the 3rd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 879 by adding a new section 2A between lines 43 and 44.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

20-2-281.2

(a) State mandated tests pursuant to Code Section 20-2-281 shall be mandatory for school systems to administer but optional for students, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, under the following conditions:

(1) A parent or legal guardian submits a written request to school officials to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of the state mandated assessments administered pursuant to Code Section 20-2-281; and

(2) A licensed therapist's order or a physician's order has been issued to excuse a child from any or all parts of the state mandated assessments administered pursuant to Code Section 20-2-281 if the child is diagnosed with a life-threatening or serious health condition or has a disability.