

House Resolution 400

By: Representatives Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dubnik of the 29th, Glanton of the 75th, Gambill of the 15th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of creating multiple diploma pathways for high school students;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2007, the State Board of Education voted to update high school graduation
4 requirements, which eliminated several diploma options in favor of the same diploma option
5 for all high school students; and

6 WHEREAS, the current diploma requirements have shown to be a one-size-fits-all diploma
7 not tailored to the needs and passions of all students, including those wanting to go right into
8 the workforce, technical college, military, or university system; and

9 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways can provide the opportunity for high school students
10 to have a pathway to graduation that reflects their post-secondary desires and passions by
11 allowing more opportunities to take courses of interest to students in addition to the core
12 courses all students need to be successful; and

13 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways provide more information on types of graduates and
14 increased transparency by providing additional public reporting categories (workforce,
15 technical, military, college/university) for better data on students' needs; and

16 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways will streamline counseling and provide students
17 with a more relevant high school experience by tailoring a student's high school experience
18 around their post-secondary goals, increasing relevance and value; and

19 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways would be aligned to expectations, putting success
20 within reach for all students; and

21 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways will expand options and opportunities for students
22 while not stigmatizing the diploma by eliminating the better than/less than mentality of the
23 prior tracked dual diploma option; and

24 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education should adopt new rules for high school graduation
25 requirements.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize the importance of creating multiple diploma pathways
28 and support the adoption of a new graduation rule to affirm this change for high school
29 students.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 members of the State Board of Education.