

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in high schools, providing for high
6 school graduation requirements for students with
7 individualized education programs.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
12 section to read:

13 Section 1614.1. High School Graduation Requirements for
14 Students with Individualized Education Programs.--(a) Beginning
15 in the 2016-2017 school year, an individualized education
16 program for a high school student shall require the signature of
17 the student's parent or guardian indicating the agreement of the
18 parent or guardian to either of the following as the high school
19 graduation requirements for the student:

20 (1) the transition goals included in the student's

1 individualized education program as determined by the student's
2 individualized education program team; or
3 (2) the high school graduation requirements established by
4 the governing body of the high school in which the student is
5 enrolled, which shall include the high school graduation
6 requirements established by the State Board of Education as set
7 forth in 22 Pa. Code § 4.24(c) (relating to high school
8 graduation requirements).

9 (b) A high school diploma awarded to a student with an
10 individualized education program shall not distinguish as to
11 whether the student satisfactorily completed high school
12 graduation requirements under subsection (a)(1) or (2).

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.