

HOUSE BILL NO. 646

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IN THE HOUSE

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| FEBRUARY 10, 1989 | INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES. |
| FEBRUARY 11, 1989 | FIRST READING. |
| FEBRUARY 16, 1989 | COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED. |
| FEBRUARY 16, 1989 | PRINTING REPORT. |
| FEBRUARY 18, 1989 | SECOND READING, DO PASS. |
| FEBRUARY 20, 1989 | ENGROSSING REPORT. |
| FEBRUARY 21, 1989 | THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 94; NOES, 1. |
| | TRANSMITTED TO SENATE. |

IN THE SENATE

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| FEBRUARY 28, 1989 | INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES. |
| | FIRST READING. |
| MARCH 16, 1989 | COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED. |
| MARCH 17, 1989 | SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN. |
| MARCH 20, 1989 | THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 48; NOES, 0. |
| | RETURNED TO HOUSE. |

MARCH 21, 1989

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RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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 3 *Alston* *R. Nelson* *Lee* *W. Nelson* *Rimmer* *Paterson*
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON EDUCATION
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Dianna DeBorja, Howard Williams, Helen
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