

SENATE BILL NO. 16

INTRODUCED BY B. BROWN, EUDAILY, VINCENT, REGAN

IN THE SENATE

JUNE 21, 1989                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.  
  
FIRST READING.

JUNE 26, 1989                   COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL  
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

JUNE 27, 1989                   PRINTING REPORT.  
  
SECOND READING, DO PASS.  
  
ENGROSSING REPORT.  
  
THIRD READING, PASSED.  
AYES, 44; NOES, 3.  
  
TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

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JUNE 28, 1989                   COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE  
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

JUNE 29, 1989                   SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.  
  
ON MOTION, RULES SUSPENDED AND BILL  
PLACED ON THIRD READING THIS DAY.  
  
THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.  
AYES, 75; NOES, 16.  
  
RETURNED TO SENATE.

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JULY 1, 1989

RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

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