

Amend **CSHB 2** (House committee printing) as follows:

(1) In Part B, Article 2, of the bill (page 117, between lines 10 and 11), insert the following appropriately numbered section and renumber the subsequent sections of Part B, Article 2 accordingly:

SECTION 2B.\_\_\_. Section 7.111, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (c) to read as follows:

(a-1) A person is not required to withdraw from school in order to take the high school equivalency examination.

(b) The board by rule shall establish and require payment of a fee as a condition to the issuance of a high school equivalency certificate and a copy of the scores of the examinations. The fee must be reasonable and designed to cover the administrative costs of issuing the certificate and a copy of the scores. ~~[The board may not require a waiting period between the date a person withdraws from school and the date the person takes the examination unless the period relates to the time between administrations of the examination.]~~

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the board by rule shall allow a person to take the high school equivalency examination on one occasion at state cost.

(2) In SECTION 2D.30 of the bill, in added Section 39.113(b), Education Code (page 186, line 21), strike "and".

(3) In SECTION 2D.30 of the bill, in added Section 39.113(b), Education Code (page 186, between lines 21 and 22), insert the following:

(5) improvements in student scores on high school equivalency examinations; and

(4) In SECTION 2D.30 of the bill, in added Section 39.113(b), Education Code (page 186, line 22), strike "(5)" and substitute "(6)".