

AN ACT

relating to persons eligible to administer or take a high school equivalency examination.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 7.111, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall provide for the administration of high school equivalency examinations, including administration by the adjutant general's department for students described by Subdivision (2)(C). A person who does not have a high school diploma may take the examination in accordance with rules adopted by the board if the person is:

(1) over 17 years of age;

(2) 16 years of age or older and:

(A) is enrolled in a Job Corps training program under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. Section 2801 et seq.), and its subsequent amendments; ~~or~~

(B) a public agency providing supervision of the person or having custody of the person under a court order recommends that the person take the examination; or

(C) is enrolled in the adjutant general's department's Seaborne Challenge Corps; or

(3) required to take the examination under a justice or municipal court order issued under Article 45.054(a)(1)(C), Code

1 of Criminal Procedure.

2 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006
3 school year.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 776 passed the Senate on
March 31, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 776 passed the House on
May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two
present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor