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S.B. No. 776

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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. Section 7.111(a), 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.