

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 776
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2005; March 10, 2005,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; March 22, 2005, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 22, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to persons eligible to administer or take a high school
1-9 equivalency examination.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 7.111, Education Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) The board shall provide for the administration of high
1-14 school equivalency examinations, including administration by the
1-15 adjutant general's department for students described by
1-16 Subdivision (2)(C). A person who does not have a high school
1-17 diploma may take the examination in accordance with rules adopted
1-18 by the board if the person is:

1-19 (1) over 17 years of age;

1-20 (2) 16 years of age or older and:

1-21 (A) is enrolled in a Job Corps training program
1-22 under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. Section 2801
1-23 et seq.), and its subsequent amendments; ~~or~~

1-24 (B) a public agency providing supervision of the
1-25 person or having custody of the person under a court order
1-26 recommends that the person take the examination; or

1-27 (C) is enrolled in the adjutant general's
1-28 department's Seaborne Challenge Corps; or

1-29 (3) required to take the examination under a justice
1-30 or municipal court order issued under Article 45.054(a)(1)(C), Code
1-31 of Criminal Procedure.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006
1-33 school year.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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