

## ATTACHMENT

### Statutory Citations Relating to Approval of Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency Exam Request for Proposals

#### Texas Education Code, §7.111, State Board of Education Powers and Duties (excerpt):

- (a) [2 Versions: As amended by Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., ch. 339] The board shall provide for the administration of high school equivalency examinations.
- (a) [2 Versions: As amended by Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., ch. 1217] The board shall provide for the administration of high school equivalency examinations, including administration by the Texas Military 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;
    - (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 Texas Military 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 of Criminal Procedure.
- (a-1) 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;
    - (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 court order.
- (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) The board by rule shall develop and deliver high school equivalency examinations and provide for the administration of the examinations online. The rules must provide a procedure for verifying the identity of the person taking the examination.