

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 493,
2 485, 495, 516, 534, 545, 595, 616, & 624, Page 25, Section 161.086, Line 35, by inserting after all
3 of said line the following:
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5 "161.094. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, the department of
6 elementary and secondary education shall provide for examination of such applicants at least twice
7 each year at places reasonably convenient for the applicants. Both computerized and
8 non-computerized testing options shall be available at no additional cost to the applicants. The
9 examination shall be designed to test the applicant's knowledge of subject matter usually presented in
10 the courses required to be successfully completed by those graduating from the public high schools
11 of the state. The certificate of equivalence may also be issued on the basis of test scores certified to
12 the state board of education by the United States Armed Forces Institute, or a similar agency
13 approved by the state board of education.

14 2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall ensure that any high school
15 equivalence examination is aligned with any decision on assessments relating to the Common Core
16 Standards.

17 3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall ensure that any high school
18 equivalency test be administered in a manner that does not discriminate against students with a
19 diagnosis by a qualified medical professional of a mental health condition that affects learning or
20 students with learning disabilities that have been documented by a qualified professional or through
21 an individualized education program. If an applicant possesses any such condition or disability, the
22 department shall make any necessary logistical accommodations in order to administer an
23 individualized test to the applicant."; and
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25 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
26 accordingly.
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Action Taken _____ Date _____