

**B-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3068**

Ordered by the Senate May 23  
Including House Amendments dated March 28 and Senate Amendments  
dated May 23

Sponsored by Representative OWENS, Senators FINDLEY, GELSER BLOUIN, Representative RESCHKE; Representatives HIEB, LEVY B, LEVY E, LIVELY, MCINTIRE, MORGAN, NELSON, RUIZ, SCHARF, WRIGHT, Senator WEBER (at the request of Cascade Policy Institute)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Provides that high school student in grade 11 or 12 may be awarded high school equivalency diploma if student has received certificate for passing approved high school equivalency test and meets other conditions.]*

**Requires Department of Education to conduct study to examine possibility of creating high school equivalency diploma and submit report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to education.**

**Allows student who is 16 or 17 years old to take high school equivalency test with consent of parent or legal guardian.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to high school diplomas; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall conduct a study to examine the possibility of creating a high school equivalency diploma.**

**(2) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than December 31, 2024.**

**SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**

**SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, "student" means an individual who is 16 or 17 years of age and is not emancipated pursuant to ORS 419B.550 to 419B.558.**

**(2) Notwithstanding ORS 350.175, a student, with consent of a parent or legal guardian, may take a high school equivalency test.**

**SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.