On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, after “diplomas” delete the rest of the line and delete line 3 and insert “; and declaring an emergency.”.

Delete lines 5 through 26 and delete pages 2 through 26 and insert:

“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 Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.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.”.