

1                   A reviser's bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss.  
 3           322.091, 334.351, 414.1251, 440.491, 445.024, 468.304,  
 4           478.45, 480.035, 480.041, 944.1905, 944.275, 944.801,  
 5           958.045, 985.601, 1001.42, 1003.21, 1003.51, 1003.52,  
 6           1004.02, 1004.65, 1004.93, 1008.345, and 1009.21,  
 7           F.S.; to conform to the directive of the Legislature  
 8           to the Division of Law Revision and Information in  
 9           section 38 of chapter 2013-51, Laws of Florida, to  
 10          change the terms "General Educational Development  
 11          test" or "GED test" to "high school equivalency  
 12          examination" and the terms "general education  
 13          diploma," "graduate equivalency diploma," or "GED" to  
 14          "high school equivalency diploma" wherever those terms  
 15          appear in the Florida Statutes; providing an effective  
 16          date.

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 18   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 20           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
 21   322.091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22           322.091 Attendance requirements.—

23           (1) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVING PRIVILEGES.—A  
 24   minor is not eligible for driving privileges unless that minor:

25           (c) Is enrolled in a study course in preparation for the  
 26   high school equivalency examination ~~Test of General Educational~~

27 | ~~Development~~ and satisfies relevant attendance requirements;

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29 | The department may not issue a driver license or learner's  
 30 | driver license to, or shall suspend the driver license or  
 31 | learner's driver license of, any minor concerning whom the  
 32 | department receives notification of noncompliance with the  
 33 | requirements of this section.

34 | Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 35 | 334.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

36 | 334.351 Youth work experience program; findings and  
 37 | intent; authority to contract; limitation.—

38 | (3) When selecting a nonprofit youth organization to  
 39 | perform work on transportation-related facilities and before  
 40 | awarding a contract under this section, the department must  
 41 | consider the following criteria:

42 | (b) The number of participants receiving high school  
 43 | diplomas or high school equivalency diplomas ~~GEDs~~;

44 | Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 414.1251, Florida  
 45 | Statutes, is amended to read:

46 | 414.1251 Learnfare program.—

47 | (1) The department shall reduce the temporary cash  
 48 | assistance for a participant's eligible dependent child or for  
 49 | an eligible teenage participant who has not been exempted from  
 50 | education participation requirements, if the eligible dependent  
 51 | child or eligible teenage participant has been identified either  
 52 | as a habitual truant, pursuant to s. 1003.01(8), or as a

53 dropout, pursuant to s. 1003.01(9). For a student who has been  
 54 identified as a habitual truant, the temporary cash assistance  
 55 must be reinstated after a subsequent grading period in which  
 56 the child's attendance has substantially improved. For a student  
 57 who has been identified as a dropout, the temporary cash  
 58 assistance must be reinstated after the student enrolls in a  
 59 public school, receives a high school diploma or its  
 60 equivalency, enrolls in preparation for the high school  
 61 equivalency examination ~~General Educational Development Tests,~~  
 62 or enrolls in other educational activities approved by the  
 63 district school board. Good cause exemptions from the rule of  
 64 unexcused absences include the following:

- 65 (a) The student is expelled from school and alternative  
 66 schooling is not available.
- 67 (b) No licensed day care is available for a child of teen  
 68 parents subject to Learnfare.
- 69 (c) Prohibitive transportation problems exist (e.g., to  
 70 and from day care).

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 72 Within 10 days after sanction notification, the participant  
 73 parent of a dependent child or the teenage participant may file  
 74 an internal fair hearings process review procedure appeal, and  
 75 no sanction shall be imposed until the appeal is resolved.

76 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
 77 440.491, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
 78 440.491 Reemployment of injured workers; rehabilitation.-

79 (6) TRAINING AND EDUCATION.—

80 (a) Upon referral of an injured employee by the carrier,  
 81 or upon the request of an injured employee, the department shall  
 82 conduct a training and education screening to determine whether  
 83 it should refer the employee for a vocational evaluation,  
 84 approve training and education, or approve other vocational  
 85 services for the employee. At the time of such referral, the  
 86 carrier shall provide the department a copy of any reemployment  
 87 assessment or reemployment plan provided to the carrier by a  
 88 rehabilitation provider. The department may not approve formal  
 89 training and education programs unless it determines, after  
 90 consideration of the reemployment assessment, that the  
 91 reemployment plan is likely to result in return to suitable  
 92 gainful employment. The department may expend moneys from the  
 93 Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund, established by  
 94 s. 440.50, to secure appropriate training and education at a  
 95 Florida public college or at a career center established under  
 96 s. 1001.44, or to secure other vocational services when  
 97 necessary to satisfy the recommendation of a vocational  
 98 evaluator. As used in this paragraph, "appropriate training and  
 99 education" includes securing a high school equivalency ~~general~~  
 100 ~~education~~ diploma ~~(GED)~~, if necessary. The department shall by  
 101 rule establish training and education standards pertaining to  
 102 employee eligibility, course curricula and duration, and  
 103 associated costs. For purposes of this subsection, training and  
 104 education services may be secured from additional providers if:

105           1. The injured employee currently holds an associate  
 106 degree and requests to earn a bachelor's degree not offered by a  
 107 Florida public college located within 50 miles from his or her  
 108 customary residence;

109           2. The injured employee's enrollment in an education or  
 110 training program in a Florida public college or career center  
 111 would be significantly delayed; or

112           3. The most appropriate training and education program is  
 113 available only through a provider other than a Florida public  
 114 college or career center or at a Florida public college or  
 115 career center located more than 50 miles from the injured  
 116 employee's customary residence.

117           Section 5. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section  
 118 445.024, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

119           445.024 Work requirements.—

120           (1) WORK ACTIVITIES.—The Department of Economic  
 121 Opportunity may develop activities under each of the following  
 122 categories of work activities. The following categories of work  
 123 activities, based on federal law and regulations, may be used  
 124 individually or in combination to satisfy the work requirements  
 125 for a participant in the temporary cash assistance program:

126           (k) Satisfactory attendance at a secondary school or in a  
 127 course of study leading to a high school ~~graduate~~ equivalency  
 128 diploma.

129           Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 130 468.304, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

131 468.304 Certification.—The department shall certify any  
 132 applicant who meets the following criteria:

133 (3) Submits satisfactory evidence, verified by oath or  
 134 affirmation, that she or he:

135 (b) Is a high school, vocational school, technical school,  
 136 or college graduate or has successfully completed the  
 137 requirements for a high school ~~graduate~~ equivalency diploma  
 138 ~~(GED)~~ or its equivalent;

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140 The department may not certify any applicant who has committed  
 141 an offense that would constitute a violation of any of the  
 142 provisions of s. 468.3101 or applicable rules if the applicant  
 143 had been certified by the department at the time of the offense.  
 144 An application for a limited computed tomography certificate may  
 145 not be accepted. A person holding a valid computed tomography  
 146 certificate as of October 1, 1984, is subject to s. 468.309.

147 Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
 148 478.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

149 478.45 Requirements for licensure.—

150 (1) An applicant applying for licensure as an  
 151 electrologist shall file a written application, accompanied by  
 152 the application for licensure fee prescribed in s. 478.55, on a  
 153 form provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the  
 154 board that the applicant:

155 (c) Possesses a high school diploma or a high school  
 156 ~~graduate~~ equivalency diploma.

157 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 480.035, Florida  
 158 Statutes, is amended to read:

159 480.035 Board of Massage Therapy.—

160 (2) Five members of the board shall be licensed massage  
 161 therapists and shall have been engaged in the practice of  
 162 massage for not less than 5 consecutive years prior to the date  
 163 of appointment to the board. The Governor shall appoint each  
 164 member for a term of 4 years. Two members of the board shall be  
 165 laypersons. Each board member shall be a high school graduate or  
 166 shall have received a high school ~~graduate~~ equivalency diploma.  
 167 Each board member shall be a citizen of the United States and a  
 168 resident of this state for not less than 5 years. The  
 169 appointments will be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

170 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
 171 480.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

172 480.041 Massage therapists; qualifications; licensure;  
 173 endorsement.—

174 (1) Any person is qualified for licensure as a massage  
 175 therapist under this act who:

176 (a) Is at least 18 years of age or has received a high  
 177 school diploma or high school ~~graduate~~ equivalency diploma;

178 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
 179 944.1905, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

180 944.1905 Initial inmate classification; inmate  
 181 reclassification.—The Department of Corrections shall classify  
 182 inmates pursuant to an objective classification scheme. The

183 initial inmate classification questionnaire and the inmate  
 184 reclassification questionnaire must cover both aggravating and  
 185 mitigating factors.

186 (2) In scoring the initial inmate classification  
 187 questionnaire, points may be deducted from the inmate's overall  
 188 score for factors indicating the inmate's stability. Such  
 189 factors may include:

190 (b) High school diploma or high school equivalency diploma  
 191 ~~GED~~ received; and

192 Section 11. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section  
 193 944.275, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

194 944.275 Gain-time.—

195 (4)

196 (d) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (b)1. and 2., the  
 197 education program manager shall recommend, and the Department of  
 198 Corrections may grant, a one-time award of 60 additional days of  
 199 incentive gain-time to an inmate who is otherwise eligible and  
 200 who successfully completes requirements for and is awarded a  
 201 high school equivalency diploma ~~general educational development~~  
 202 ~~certificate~~ or vocational certificate. Under no circumstances  
 203 may an inmate receive more than 60 days for educational  
 204 attainment pursuant to this section.

205 Section 12. Paragraphs (g) and (j) of subsection (3) of  
 206 section 944.801, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

207 944.801 Education for state prisoners.—

208 (3) The responsibilities of the Correctional Education



209 Program shall be to:

210 (g) Develop and maintain complete and reliable statistics  
 211 on the number of high school equivalency diplomas ~~general~~  
 212 ~~educational development (GED) certificates~~ and vocational  
 213 certificates issued by each institution in each skill area, the  
 214 change in inmate literacy levels, and the number of inmate  
 215 admissions to and withdrawals from education courses. The  
 216 compiled statistics shall be summarized and analyzed in the  
 217 annual report of correctional education activities required by  
 218 paragraph (f).

219 (j) Recommend the award of additional incentive gain-time  
 220 for inmates who receive a high school equivalency diploma  
 221 ~~general educational development certificate~~ or a vocational  
 222 certificate.

223 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
 224 (b) of subsection (6) of section 958.045, Florida Statutes, are  
 225 amended to read:

226 958.045 Youthful offender basic training program.—

227 (1) The department shall develop and implement a basic  
 228 training program for youthful offenders sentenced or classified  
 229 by the department as youthful offenders pursuant to this  
 230 chapter. The period of time to be served at the basic training  
 231 program shall be no less than 120 days.

232 (a) The program shall include marching drills,  
 233 calisthenics, a rigid dress code, manual labor assignments,  
 234 physical training with obstacle courses, training in

235 decisionmaking and personal development, high school equivalency  
 236 diploma ~~general educational development~~ and adult basic  
 237 education courses, and drug counseling and other rehabilitation  
 238 programs.

239 (6)

240 (b) While in the community residential program, as  
 241 appropriate, the offender shall engage in gainful employment,  
 242 and if any, shall pay restitution to the victim. If appropriate,  
 243 the offender may enroll in substance abuse counseling, and if  
 244 suitable, shall enroll in a high school equivalency diploma  
 245 ~~general educational development~~ or adult basic education class  
 246 for the purpose of attaining a high school diploma. Upon release  
 247 from the community residential program, the offender shall  
 248 remain on probation, or other postrelease supervision, and abide  
 249 by the conditions of the offender's probation or postrelease  
 250 supervision. If, upon transfer from the community residential  
 251 program, the offender has not completed the enrolled educational  
 252 program, the offender shall continue the educational program  
 253 until completed. If the offender fails to complete the program,  
 254 the department may request the court or the control release  
 255 authority to execute an order returning the offender back to the  
 256 community residential program until completion of the program.

257 Section 14. Subsection (4) of section 985.601, Florida  
 258 Statutes, is amended to read:

259 985.601 Administering the juvenile justice continuum.—

260 (4) The department shall maintain continuing cooperation

261 with the Department of Education, the Department of Children and  
 262 Family Services, the Department of Economic Opportunity, and the  
 263 Department of Corrections for the purpose of participating in  
 264 agreements with respect to dropout prevention and the reduction  
 265 of suspensions, expulsions, and truancy; increased access to and  
 266 participation in high school equivalency diploma ~~GED~~,  
 267 vocational, and alternative education programs; and employment  
 268 training and placement assistance. The cooperative agreements  
 269 between the departments shall include an interdepartmental plan  
 270 to cooperate in accomplishing the reduction of inappropriate  
 271 transfers of children into the adult criminal justice and  
 272 correctional systems.

273 Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (18) of section  
 274 1001.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

275 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The  
 276 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all  
 277 powers and perform all duties listed below:

278 (18) IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—  
 279 Maintain a state system of school improvement and education  
 280 accountability as provided by statute and State Board of  
 281 Education rule. This system of school improvement and education  
 282 accountability shall be consistent with, and implemented  
 283 through, the district's continuing system of planning and  
 284 budgeting required by this section and ss. 1008.385, 1010.01,  
 285 and 1011.01. This system of school improvement and education  
 286 accountability shall comply with the provisions of ss. 1008.33,

287 1008.34, 1008.345, and 1008.385 and include the following:

288 (b) *Public disclosure.*—The district school board shall  
 289 provide information regarding the performance of students and  
 290 educational programs as required pursuant to ss. 1008.22 and  
 291 1008.385 and implement a system of school reports as required by  
 292 statute and State Board of Education rule which shall include  
 293 schools operating for the purpose of providing educational  
 294 services to youth in Department of Juvenile Justice programs,  
 295 and for those schools, report on the elements specified in s.  
 296 1003.52(19). Annual public disclosure reports shall be in an  
 297 easy-to-read report card format and shall include the school's  
 298 grade, high school graduation rate calculated without high  
 299 school equivalency diploma recipients ~~GED tests~~, disaggregated  
 300 by student ethnicity, and performance data as specified in state  
 301 board rule.

302 Section 16. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
 303 1003.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

304 1003.21 School attendance.—

305 (1)

306 (c) A student who attains the age of 16 years during the  
 307 school year is not subject to compulsory school attendance  
 308 beyond the date upon which he or she attains that age if the  
 309 student files a formal declaration of intent to terminate school  
 310 enrollment with the district school board. Public school  
 311 students who have attained the age of 16 years and who have not  
 312 graduated are subject to compulsory school attendance until the

313 formal declaration of intent is filed with the district school  
 314 board. The declaration must acknowledge that terminating school  
 315 enrollment is likely to reduce the student's earning potential  
 316 and must be signed by the student and the student's parent. The  
 317 school district shall notify the student's parent of receipt of  
 318 the student's declaration of intent to terminate school  
 319 enrollment. The student's certified school counselor or other  
 320 school personnel shall conduct an exit interview with the  
 321 student to determine the reasons for the student's decision to  
 322 terminate school enrollment and actions that could be taken to  
 323 keep the student in school. The student's certified school  
 324 counselor or other school personnel shall inform the student of  
 325 opportunities to continue his or her education in a different  
 326 environment, including, but not limited to, adult education and  
 327 high school equivalency examination ~~GED test~~ preparation.  
 328 Additionally, the student shall complete a survey in a format  
 329 prescribed by the Department of Education to provide data on  
 330 student reasons for terminating enrollment and actions taken by  
 331 schools to keep students enrolled.

332 Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 1003.51, Florida  
 333 Statutes, is amended to read:

334 1003.51 Other public educational services.—

335 (4) The Department of Education shall ensure that district  
 336 school boards notify students in juvenile justice residential or  
 337 nonresidential facilities who attain the age of 16 years of the  
 338 provisions of law regarding compulsory school attendance and

339 make available the option of enrolling in a program to attain a  
 340 Florida high school diploma by taking the high school  
 341 equivalency examination ~~General Educational Development test~~  
 342 prior to release from the facility. District school boards or  
 343 Florida College System institutions, or both, shall waive high  
 344 school equivalency examination ~~GED~~ testing fees for youth in  
 345 Department of Juvenile Justice residential programs and shall,  
 346 upon request, designate schools operating for the purpose of  
 347 providing educational services to youth in Department of  
 348 Juvenile Justice programs as high school equivalency examination  
 349 ~~GED~~ testing centers, subject to high school equivalency  
 350 examination ~~GED~~ testing center requirements. The administrative  
 351 fees for the high school equivalency examination ~~General~~  
 352 ~~Educational Development test~~ required by the Department of  
 353 Education are the responsibility of district school boards and  
 354 may be required of providers by contractual agreement.

355 Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsection  
 356 (6) of section 1003.52, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

357 1003.52 Educational services in Department of Juvenile  
 358 Justice programs.—

359 (3) The district school board of the county in which the  
 360 residential or nonresidential care facility or juvenile  
 361 assessment facility is located shall provide appropriate  
 362 educational assessments and an appropriate program of  
 363 instruction and special education services.

364 (a) The district school board shall make provisions for

365 each student to participate in basic, career education, and  
 366 exceptional student programs as appropriate. Students served in  
 367 Department of Juvenile Justice programs shall have access to the  
 368 appropriate courses and instruction to prepare them for the high  
 369 school equivalency examination ~~GED test~~. Students participating  
 370 in high school equivalency diploma ~~GED~~ preparation programs  
 371 shall be funded at the basic program cost factor for Department  
 372 of Juvenile Justice programs in the Florida Education Finance  
 373 Program. Each program shall be conducted according to applicable  
 374 law providing for the operation of public schools and rules of  
 375 the State Board of Education. School districts shall provide the  
 376 high school equivalency diploma ~~GED~~ exit option for all juvenile  
 377 justice programs.

378 (6) Participation in the program by students of compulsory  
 379 school-attendance age as provided for in s. 1003.21 shall be  
 380 mandatory. All students of noncompulsory school-attendance age  
 381 who have not received a high school diploma or its equivalent  
 382 shall participate in the educational program, unless the student  
 383 files a formal declaration of his or her intent to terminate  
 384 school enrollment as described in s. 1003.21 and is afforded the  
 385 opportunity to take the high school equivalency examination  
 386 ~~general educational development test~~ and attain a Florida high  
 387 school diploma prior to release from a facility. A youth who has  
 388 received a high school diploma or its equivalent and is not  
 389 employed shall participate in workforce development or other  
 390 career or technical education or Florida College System

391 institution or university courses while in the program, subject  
 392 to available funding.

393 Section 19. Subsections (5) and (17) of section 1004.02,  
 394 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

395 1004.02 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

396 (5) "Adult secondary education" means courses through  
 397 which a person receives high school credit that leads to the  
 398 award of a high school diploma or courses of instruction through  
 399 which a student prepares to take the high school equivalency  
 400 examination ~~General Educational Development test~~.

401 (17) "High school equivalency examination ~~General~~  
 402 ~~Educational Development (GED) test~~ preparation" means courses of  
 403 instruction designed to prepare adults for success on high  
 404 school equivalency diploma ~~GED~~ subject area tests leading to  
 405 qualification for a State of Florida high school diploma.

406 Section 20. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) and paragraph  
 407 (c) of subsection (8) of section 1004.65, Florida Statutes, are  
 408 amended to read:

409 1004.65 Florida College System institutions; governance,  
 410 mission, and responsibilities.—

411 (6) A separate and secondary role for Florida College  
 412 System institutions includes the offering of programs in:

413 (b) Adult education services, including adult basic  
 414 education, adult general education, adult secondary education,  
 415 and high school equivalency examination ~~General Educational~~  
 416 ~~Development test~~ instruction.



417 (8) Florida College System institutions are authorized to:

418 (c) Make provisions for the high school equivalency  
 419 examination ~~General Educational Development test~~.

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 421 Authority to offer one or more baccalaureate degree programs  
 422 does not alter the governance relationship of the Florida  
 423 College System institution with its district board of trustees  
 424 or the State Board of Education.

425 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
 426 (c) of subsection (2) of section 1004.93, Florida Statutes, are  
 427 amended to read:

428 1004.93 Adult general education.—

429 (1)(a) The intent of this section is to encourage the  
 430 provision of educational services that will enable adults to  
 431 acquire:

432 1. The basic skills necessary to attain basic and  
 433 functional literacy.

434 2. A high school diploma or successfully complete the high  
 435 school equivalency examination ~~General Educational Development~~  
 436 ~~test~~.

437 3. An educational foundation that will enable them to  
 438 become more employable, productive, and self-sufficient  
 439 citizens.

440 (2) The adult education program must provide academic  
 441 services to students in the following priority:

442 (c) Students who are earning credit required for a high

443 school diploma or who are preparing for the high school  
 444 equivalency examination ~~General Educational Development test.~~

445 Section 22. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section  
 446 1008.345, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447 1008.345 Implementation of state system of school  
 448 improvement and education accountability.—

449 (6)

450 (d) The commissioner shall assign a community assessment  
 451 team to each school district or governing board with a school  
 452 that earned a grade of "F" or three consecutive grades of "D"  
 453 pursuant to s. 1008.34 to review the school performance data and  
 454 determine causes for the low performance, including the role of  
 455 school, area, and district administrative personnel. The  
 456 community assessment team shall review a high school's  
 457 graduation rate calculated without high school equivalency  
 458 diploma recipients ~~GED tests~~ for the past 3 years, disaggregated  
 459 by student ethnicity. The team shall make recommendations to the  
 460 school board or the governing board and to the State Board of  
 461 Education which address the causes of the school's low  
 462 performance and may be incorporated into the school improvement  
 463 plan. The assessment team shall include, but not be limited to,  
 464 a department representative, parents, business representatives,  
 465 educators, representatives of local governments, and community  
 466 activists, and shall represent the demographics of the community  
 467 from which they are appointed.

468 Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section

469 1009.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

470       1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition  
 471 purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or  
 472 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in  
 473 postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical  
 474 career centers or career centers operated by school districts,  
 475 in Florida College System institutions, and in state  
 476 universities.

477       (3)

478       (c) Each institution of higher education shall  
 479 affirmatively determine that an applicant who has been granted  
 480 admission to that institution as a Florida resident meets the  
 481 residency requirements of this section at the time of initial  
 482 enrollment. The residency determination must be documented by  
 483 the submission of written or electronic verification that  
 484 includes two or more of the documents identified in this  
 485 paragraph. No single piece of evidence shall be conclusive.

486       1. The documents must include at least one of the  
 487 following:

- 488       a. A Florida voter's registration card.
- 489       b. A Florida driver's license.
- 490       c. A State of Florida identification card.
- 491       d. A Florida vehicle registration.
- 492       e. Proof of a permanent home in Florida which is occupied  
 493 as a primary residence by the individual or by the individual's  
 494 parent if the individual is a dependent child.

- 495 f. Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida.
- 496 g. Transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple
- 497 years if the Florida high school diploma or high school
- 498 equivalency diploma ~~GED~~ was earned within the last 12 months.
- 499 h. Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for
- 500 at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period.
- 501 2. The documents may include one or more of the following:
- 502 a. A declaration of domicile in Florida.
- 503 b. A Florida professional or occupational license.
- 504 c. Florida incorporation.
- 505 d. A document evidencing family ties in Florida.
- 506 e. Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or
- 507 professional organization.
- 508 f. Any other documentation that supports the student's
- 509 request for resident status, including, but not limited to,
- 510 utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a
- 511 lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments;
- 512 or an official state, federal, or court document evidencing
- 513 legal ties to Florida.
- 514 Reviser's note.—Amended to conform to the directive of the
- 515 Legislature to the Division of Law Revision and Information
- 516 in s. 38, ch. 2013-51, Laws of Florida, to change the terms
- 517 "General Educational Development test" or "GED test" to
- 518 "high school equivalency examination" and the terms
- 519 "general education diploma," "graduate equivalency
- 520 diploma," or "GED" to "high school equivalency diploma"

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521           wherever those terms appear in the Florida Statutes.  
522           Section 24. This act shall take effect on the 60th day  
523 after adjournment sine die of the session of the Legislature in  
524 which enacted.