15 or other factors, which if corrected would lead to self-support instead 16 of dependency."

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## CHAPTER 228

## HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE

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AN ACT relating to the issuance of high school equivalency certificates by the state superintendent of public instruction.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. The state superintendent of public instruction shall cause to be made available for qualified individuals, residents of the state of Iowa, a high school equivalency certificate. The certificate shall be issued on the basis of satisfactory competence as shown by tests covering: the correctness and effectiveness of expression; the interpretation of reading material in the social studies; interpretation of reading materials in the natural sciences; interpretation of literary materials; and general mathematical ability.

SEC. 2. Every applicant shall have attained the age which if said applicant had remained in school would have graduated at least one (1) year before date of application, and shall have maintained residence in the state of Iowa for at least one (1) year and be a non-high school graduate.

Applicants shall make application to the state superintendent and at time of making application pay a fee of five (5) dollars.

- SEC. 3. Any applicant who has achieved the minimum passing standards as established by the state superintendent, and approved by the state board, shall be notified in writing, and upon payment of an additional five (5) dollars the state superintendent shall issue a high school equivalency certificate.
- SEC. 4. The fees collected by the state superintendent from applicants shall be used for the expenses incurred in administering, providing test materials, scoring of examinations and issuance of certificates, and shall be disbursed on the authorization of the state superintendent. The treasurer of state shall be custodian of the funds paid to the state superintendent and shall disburse the same on vouchers audited as provided by law. The balance in such funds at the close of each biennium shall be placed in the general fund of the state.
- SEC. 5. The superintendent of public instruction, subject to the approval of the state board of public instruction, is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and regulations, tests, definition of terms, and forms as are necessary and proper for the administration of this chapter.

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