

Introduced by Senator BlakesleeFebruary 16, 2011

An act to amend Section 51420 of the Education Code, relating to high school equivalency certificates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 461, as introduced, Blakeslee. High school equivalency certificates.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a California high school equivalency certificate and an official score report, or an official score report only, to any person who has not completed high school and who meets specified requirements, including, among others, that the person meets any of the following: is at least 18 years of age; would have graduated from high school had he or she remained in school and followed the usual course of study toward graduation; or, is at least 17 years of age, has accumulated fewer than 100 units of high school credit, and is confined to a state or county hospital or to an institution maintained by a state or county correctional agency.

This bill would add being at least 17 years of age and successfully completing the academic curriculum of a National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program as an additional option that a person could meet to satisfy that requirement.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51420 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 51420. The Superintendent shall issue a California high school
4 equivalency certificate and an official score report, or an official
5 score report only, to any person who has not completed high school
6 and who meets all of the following requirements:

7 (a) Is a resident of this state or is a member of the armed services
8 assigned to duty in this state.

9 (b) Has taken all or a portion of a general educational
10 development test that has been approved by the state board and
11 that is administered by a testing center approved by the department,
12 with a score determined by the state board to be equal to the
13 standard of performance expected from high school graduates.

14 (c) Meets one of the following:

15 (1) Is at least 18 years of age.

16 (2) Would have graduated from high school had he or she
17 remained in school and followed the usual course of study toward
18 graduation.

19 (3) Is at least 17 years of age, has accumulated fewer than 100
20 units of high school credit, and is confined to a state or county
21 hospital or to an institution maintained by a state or county
22 correctional agency.

23 (4) *Is at least 17 years of age and has successfully completed*
24 *the academic curriculum of a National Guard Youth ChalleNGe*
25 *Program.*