

HB 1919 -- HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAMINATIONS

SPONSOR: Guernsey

This bill changes the laws regarding high school equivalency examinations. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to have computerized and non-computerized testing options for the examination available at no additional cost to the applicant;
- (2) Prohibits the department from utilizing any examination that is described or promoted as being aligned with the Common Core standards unless no other alternative is readily available; and
- (3) Requires the department to ensure that the examination is administered in a manner that does not discriminate against students with a diagnosed mental health condition that affects learning or students with learning disabilities who have been documented by a qualified professional or through an individualized education program. If an applicant possesses a condition or disability, the department must administer an individualized test to accommodate the applicant.