

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Developed and delivered by the American Council on Education, the General Education Development (GED) test is a high school equivalency examination that is administered in Texas by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Currently, the GED test must be taken at an official testing center. This places a burden on working Texans who may find it difficult to find time to travel to and take the test at a testing center.

C.S.S.B. 1094 amends the Education Code by requiring the State Board of Education to provide for the administration of high school equivalency examinations through online testing.

C.S.S.B. 1094 amends current law relating to the availability of online testing for high school equivalency examinations.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the State Board of Education in SECTION 1 (Section 7.111, Education Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 7.111, Education Code, by adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(c) Requires the State Board of Education by rule, if the national entity that develops and delivers high school equivalency examinations authorizes online testing, to provide for administration of the examinations online. Requires that the rules provide a procedure for verifying the identity of the person taking the examination.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.