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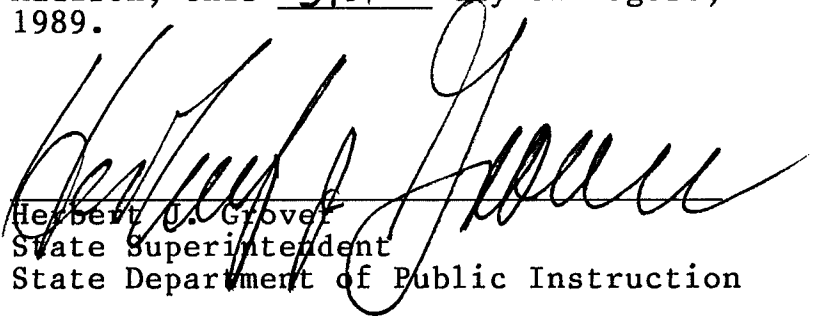
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STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ) SS

I, State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction and custodian of the official records of said department, do hereby certify that the annexed rule relating to high school equivalency diplomas was duly approved and adopted by this Department on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at General Executive Facility (GEF) 3, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, in the city of Madison, this 31st day of August, 1989.

  
Herbert J. Grover  
State Superintendent  
State Department of Public Instruction

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**ORDER OF THE  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
AMENDING RULES**

- 1           To amend PI 5.09 (1) (intro.) and to repeal and recreate PI 5.04 (2) (b) 2, relating  
2           to high school equivalency diplomas.

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**ANALYSIS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Statutory authority: ss. 115.29 (4) and 227.11, Stats.

Statute interpreted: s. 115.29 (4), Stats.

On July 1, 1988, the Department promulgated rules relating to high school equivalency diplomas and certificates of general educational development. One of the provisions of the rules is a requirement that a person must be at least 18 years and 6 months of age to take the GED test. Exceptions to this requirement allow a person who is at least 17 years old and who is incarcerated to take the GED test upon the recommendation of the educational officer at the correctional institution; or allow a person who is at least 17 and who is enrolled in a high school equivalency diploma program approved by the state superintendent to take the GED if it is part of the approved HSED program.

Federal job corps centers are not correctional institutions, yet many of their participants are adjudicated delinquent youths who have been placed at the center by a court. An integral part of the job corps program is placement of the youths in apprenticeships, which often require passing the GED tests before placement. This rule will allow youths enrolled in a federal job corps program to take the GED tests under an exception similar to that which allows incarcerated youths to take the GED tests.

The second part of this rule amendment will amend s. PI 5.09 to include federal job corps centers among the types of agencies which may submit programs leading to high school equivalency for approval by the state superintendent. Between the effective date of these rules and July 1, 1992, federal job corps centers which intend to continue allowing participants to take GED tests must develop and submit a program leading to high school equivalency, so that participants may leave the center with a high school equivalency diploma in addition to the employment training.

Also, the rule repeals the exception which allowed persons under 18 years and 6 months of age who had been waived from school attendance for a year or more to the GED test. Because persons under age 18 may no longer be waived out of school, the rule is no longer applicable.

An emergency rule allowing youths who are at least 17 and who are enrolled in a federal job corps centers to take the GED tests was promulgated effective April 18, 1989, so that these young people may continue to participate in these apprenticeship programs during the time that the high school equivalency diploma program is being developed and approved.

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1           **SECTION 1.** PI 5.04 (2) (b) 2 is repealed and recreated to read:

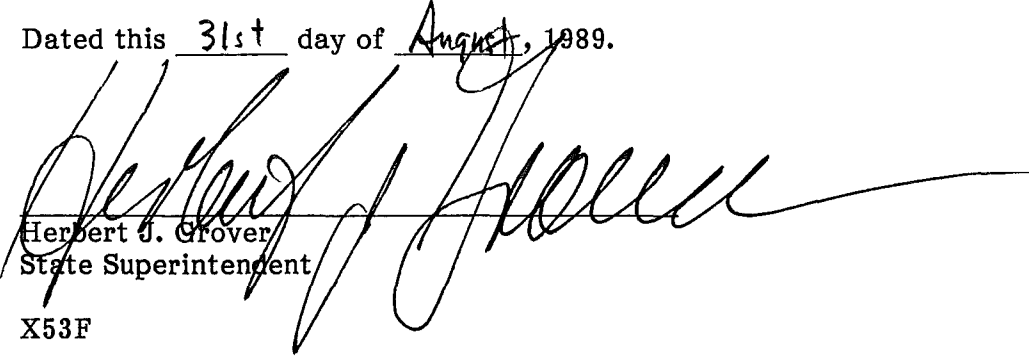
2           PI 5.04 (2) (b) 2. The person is enrolled in a federal job corps center program and  
3           has the written recommendation to take the general educational development test from  
4           the person responsible for the educational program in the job corps center. After July 1,  
5           1992, no person may take the GED test under this subdivision unless the program at the  
6           job corps center has been approved under s. PI 5.09; or

7           **SECTION 2.** PI 5.09 (1) (intro.) is amended to read:

8           PI 5.09 (1) A VTAE district, college, university, ~~or~~ community-based organization or  
9           a federal job corps center may submit a plan to the state superintendent requesting  
10          approval of a program for determining high school equivalency. The program shall be  
11          designed to determine whether a person has attained the knowledge and skills generally  
12          associated with graduation from high school, including employability skills, career aware-  
13          ness, citizenship, and each of the subject areas under s. 118.33 (1) (a), Stats., except  
14          physical education. The plan shall include all of the following:

The rules contained in this order shall take effect upon publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1989.

  
Herbert J. Grover  
State Superintendent

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