



Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation

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Subject	Concept
1. High School Equivalency - Test Expansion	Direct the Ohio Department of Education to approve at least two nationally recognized high school equivalency exams and will replace the term general educational development (GED) with high school equivalency.
2. High School Equivalency - Certificate	Create the Ohio High School Equivalency Certificate - which will allow a successful test taker of any nationally recognized test which has been approved by the state to exchange the certificate of for an Ohio High School Equivalency Certificate awarded by the Department of Education.
3. High School Equivalency - Subsidy Clarification and Line Item Consolidation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cap the state subsidy for first time test takers fees at \$80 per individual (\$1 million earmark in FY16 and FY17 in the budget). • Consolidates line items - GRF funding for GED Testing, GED Subsidy, Adult Diploma, and some Alternative Education Programs into one new Adult Education Programs line item to provide program flexibility.
4. High School Equivalency - Eligibility Change	Eliminate provisions that only allow 16- and 17-year-olds to take an equivalency exam if they are enrolled in school and continue to attend until they pass the exam or turn 18.
5. Recognized Pre-Apprenticeship Program Standards Alignment	Establish an optional recognized pre-apprenticeship career pathway for career technical education students.
6. Small Business Development Centers	Require the Office of Small Business to provide customers with information about free OhioMeansJobs.com and the OhioMeansJobs Centers resources such as posting a job, finding employees, and customized employee training.
7. WIOA Compliance	Update the ORC to conform to the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
8. Workforce Grant Program	Clarify that the grant funding for this program will be disbursed to the educational institutions, and the institutions will then award grants to students.
9. Certificate of Qualification for Employment	Modify the current section of the ORC to authorize ODRC rule making authority to establish criteria to expedite issuing of CQE's to qualified individuals.



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| 10. Military Students Workgroup | The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with Ohio's commissioner for Ohio's participation in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, will create a workgroup to identify barriers to educational achievement for children of military families and veterans. |
| 11. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishes a STEAM designation for certain types of STEM schools that integrate art and design into the STEM curriculum.• Expands the grades that STEM and STEAM schools can serve to K-12. |
| 12. Simultaneous Credit | Allows students to earn academic credit in multiple subjects through cross-disciplinary curriculum integration. |