

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 745

Approved by the Governor April 14, 2026

Introduced by Juarez, 5; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-730, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the requirements for a diploma of high school equivalency; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

**Section 1.** Section 79-730, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-730 The Commissioner of Education may issue a diploma of high school equivalency conveying all the significance and privilege of a regular high school diploma to any person who is not a high school graduate if:

(1) The person is and has been a resident of Nebraska for at least thirty days immediately preceding application or if his or her final period of high school attendance during which credit was earned toward graduation was in a Nebraska high school;

(2) On the basis of such person's achievements in approved tests and other criteria deemed pertinent by the Commissioner of Education, there is reasonable certainty that he or she has attained the educational development and abilities of the typical high school graduate; and

(3) Such person ~~has attained his or her eighteenth birthday and is unable to secure a diploma from the high school he or she last attended or the class in which he or she was enrolled at the time of his or her withdrawal from school has been graduated for at least one year.~~

**Sec. 2.** Original section 79-730, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.