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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Adopt proposed revisions of Rule 81, "Rules and Regulations for the High School Equivalency Program".

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION: With 18 months of data and research, the GED® Testing Service assessed adult learners' knowledge across the spectrum of a typical high school graduating class and determined that the minimum passing score for the 2014 test series should be changed. As a result, GEDTS has recalibrated the High School Equivalency passing score to ensure that it reflects the current high school graduates' performance. This new score change in Nebraska requires a Rule change. Included in the proposed changes are the application procedures for examinees and the updating of language or small technical edits from the last Rule 81 changes in 2013.

ESTIMATED COST: \$650