



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	HF 615/HF 391	House Committee: PASSED on 3/2 (15-8)
Committee:	Education	House Floor:
Floor Manager:	Representative Gustoff	Senate Floor:
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Staff:	Kristin Rozeboom (1-3015)	

Home School Credentialing

- A home school diploma shall be treated the same as a high school diploma.
- The parent/guardian/legal custodian shall have the authority to execute any document required by law to verify the placement of a child under CPI or IPI.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1. Section 299A.13 New Section—Diplomas and credentials

A diploma or credential issued by a person who administers a program of secondary education under CPI or IPI shall be deemed sufficient to demonstrate for all purposes that the recipient has completed the secondary education program and attained the equivalent of a high school diploma.

The state, a political subdivision of the state, institutions of higher education under the Board of Regents, or an accredited private institution shall not discriminate against anyone based on the source of the individual's diploma or credential and shall treat it the same as a high school diploma.

Section 2. Section 299A.14 New Section—Verification of enrollment

The parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child of compulsory attendance age shall have the authority to execute any document required by law to verify any of the following:

- The placement of a child under CPI or IPI.
- The child's full-time or part-time status in CPI or IPI.
- The grades the child has obtained in CPI or IPI.
- Any other required educational information.

Amendment Analysis

H-1119 by Gustoff—adds community colleges to the list of those who must treat homeschool diplomas equally.

H-1137 by Gustoff—Makes it effective upon enactment and applicable to all students homeschooled before, on, or after the effective date.

H-1127 by Olson—adds postsecondary medical or dental credentialing programs as being treated equally as a college diploma or credential awarded by a postsecondary institution. (He will likely withdraw)

H-1138 by Gustoff—Clarifies that homeschool students have the same access to medical or dental credentialing programs.