Sec. 6-408.5. Courses for students or high school dropouts; limitation.

- (a) No driver training school or driving training instructor licensed under this Act may request a certificate of completion from the Secretary of State as provided in Section 6-411 for any person who is enrolled as a student in any public or non-public secondary school at the time such instruction is to be provided, or who was so enrolled during the semester last ended if that instruction is to be provided between semesters or during the summer after the regular school term ends, unless that student has received a passing grade in at least 8 courses during the 2 semesters last ending prior to requesting a certificate of completion from the Secretary of State for the student.
- (b) No driver training school or driving training instructor licensed under this Act may request a certificate of completion from the Secretary of State as provided in Section 6-411 for any person who has dropped out of school and has not yet attained the age of 18 years unless the driver training school or driving training instructor has: 1) obtained written documentation verifying the dropout's enrollment in a GED or alternative education program or has obtained a copy of the dropout's GED certificate; 2) obtained verification that the student prior to dropping out had received a passing grade in at least 8 courses during the 2 previous semesters last ending prior to requesting a certificate of completion; or 3) obtained written consent from the dropout's parents or guardians and the regional superintendent.
- (c) Students shall be informed of the eligibility requirements of this Act in writing at the time of registration.
- (d) The superintendent of schools of the school district in which the student resides and attends school or in which the student resides at the time he or she drops out of school (with respect to a public high school student or a dropout from the public high school) or the chief school administrator (with respect to a student who attends a non-public high school or a dropout from a non-public high school) may waive the requirements of this Section if the superintendent or chief school administrator, as the case may be, deems it to be in the best interests of the student or dropout. Before requesting a certificate of completion from the Secretary of

State for any person who is enrolled as a student in any public or non-public secondary school or who was so enrolled in the semester last ending prior to the request for a certificate of completion from the Secretary of State or who is of high school age, the driver training school shall determine from the school district in which that person resides or resided at the time of dropping out of school, or from the chief administrator of the non-public high school attended or last attended by such person, as the case may be, that such person is not ineligible to receive a certificate of completion under this Section.

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