



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kretschmann, BB0067 - General Education Development Test Fee
Payments

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

GED test fee payments

This bill requires DPI to pay the \$30 testing service fee for an individual who takes a content area test given under the general educational development test (commonly called the GED test). The GED test consists of four separate content area tests that cover mathematical reasoning, reasoning through language arts, social studies, and science. Under the bill, an individual who takes a GED content area test to earn a High School Equivalency Diploma (commonly called an HSED) is also eligible for the payment. Under the bill, DPI will pay for an individual to take all four content area tests in each calendar year.

In order to be eligible for the payment, an individual must satisfy DPI's requirements for the individual to receive a Certificate of General Educational Development or an HSED from DPI. Among other things, DPI requires that the individual meet certain residency and minimum age requirements and attend a counseling session. The individual also must obtain a passing score on a GED practice test for the content area (commonly called a GED Ready practice test).

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.255 (3) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (3) (bm) *General educational development test fee payments.* A sum sufficient for payments to GED Testing Service LLC under s. 115.28 (66) (a).

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 115.28 (66) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (66) GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST FEE PAYMENTS. (a) Subject to pars. (b) and (c), from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (3) (bm), pay to GED Testing Service LLC the \$30 testing service fee for an eligible individual who takes a content area test given under the general educational development test. In this subsection, “eligible individual” means an individual who satisfies all of the following conditions before taking the content area test:

1. The individual meets the eligibility requirements promulgated by the department by rule for a high school equivalency diploma or certificate of general educational development.

2. The individual takes and receives a passing score on a practice test for the content area that is developed by GED Testing Service LLC.

(b) For each eligible individual under par. (a), pay for no more than one testing service fee for each content area test taken in a calendar year.

(c) Pay the testing service fee for a content area test under par. (a) only if the eligible individual takes the test on or after January 1, 2022, at a testing site in Wisconsin that is approved by the state superintendent.

(END)