



2023 SENATE BILL 215

April 6, 2023 - Introduced by Senators NASS, TESTIN, MARKLEIN, STROEBEL and TOMCZYK, cosponsored by Representatives PENTERMAN, SCHUTT, BEHNKE, BODDEN, BRANDTJEN, BROOKS, DITTRICH, GREEN, GUNDRUM, KNODL, MOSES, MURPHY, MURSAU, NEDWESKI, O'CONNOR, SCHMIDT and TITTL. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 115.28 (66) of the statutes; **relating to:** issuing a declaration
2 of equivalency of high school graduation or a general educational development
3 certificate.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the state superintendent of public instruction issues high school equivalency diplomas and general education development certificates to eligible individuals. Current law allows the state superintendent to charge a fee for an HSED or a GED. This bill requires that, upon determining an applicant is eligible and has paid any required fee, the state superintendent immediately issue an HSED or GED to the applicant by posting the HSED or GED, in a manner that maintains confidentiality, to the Department of Public Instruction's website.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 115.28 (66) of the statutes is created to read:
5 115.28 **(66)** HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EQUIVALENCY. Upon granting a declaration
6 of equivalency of high school graduation or a general educational development

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1 certificate under s. 115.29 (4) (a) to an individual and receipt of any applicable fee
2 under s. 115.29 (4) (b), immediately provide the declaration of equivalency of high
3 school graduation or general educational development certificate to the individual
4 by posting the declaration or certificate on the department's website, in a manner
5 that maintains the confidentiality of the record.

6 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

7 (1) This act first applies to applications for declarations of equivalency of high
8 school graduation or general educational development certificates received on the
9 effective date of this subsection.

10 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

11 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after
12 publication.

13 (END)