



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kretschmann, BB0331 - GED Test Fees

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EDUCATION**

**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

***GED test fee payments***

This bill requires DPI to pay the testing service fee for an eligible 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, DPI will pay for an eligible individual to take all four content area tests once in each calendar year.

In order to be eligible for the payment, an individual must satisfy DPI's requirements to receive a Certificate of General Educational Development or a High School Equivalency Diploma. 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.

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

**SECTION 1.** 20.255 (1) (fd) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (1) (fd) *General educational development test fee payments.* A sum sufficient for payments to GED Testing Service LLC, or its successor, under s. 115.28 (67) (a).

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

**BILL****SECTION 2**

**SECTION 2.** 115.28 (67) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 **(67)** GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST FEE PAYMENTS. (a) Subject to pars. (b) and (c), from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (fd), pay to GED Testing Service LLC, or its successor, the 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, or its successor.

(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, 2026, at a testing site in this state that is approved by the state superintendent.

**(END)**