

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB33

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Potts

3. Committee Education

4. Title General Educational Development program; allows participation by court order.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Allows participation in a general educational development program to be by court order and excludes from the compulsory school attendance requirements any child who has obtained a general educational development (GED) certificate. The bill also adds to the list of those persons who may participate in the GED testing program, the testing program through which persons may earn a high school equivalency certificate, (i) persons 16 years of age or older who have been expelled from school and (ii) persons required by court order to participate in the testing program.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact to the state but could generate additional costs to local school divisions. By increasing the number of persons eligible to participate in the testing program, additional funds would be necessary to cover the cost of the testing fee. The testing fee is a local cost. There is no way to reliably estimate the number of persons that will choose to participate in the program given this change in eligibility requirements.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Board of Education, local school divisions.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is identical to HB347.

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