

## RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

### STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### 210:10-9-6 General Educational Development (GED) Testing Program

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?** The purpose of the rule is to establish a GED computer-based testing fee. GED Testing Service is **requiring** all states to implement computer-based testing by 2013. GED paper-based testing will end in 2013. Additionally, implementation of the rule may increase access to GED testing, providing more Oklahomans with a GED diploma and the opportunity for a better job and admission to post-secondary education and training.
- b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**  
Individuals choosing to obtain a GED will be affected by the proposed rule change, as it offers an alternative to current testing.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**  
Individuals choosing to obtain a GED will benefit from the proposed rule change, as will testing centers offering exams.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?** There will be a fee assessed to cover implementation costs of the computer-based testing program.
- e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?** Not applicable. However, The Department of Education receives no federal or state funds to administer the GED Testing Program. The rule change is necessary to cover the costs associated with administering the GED Testing Program.
- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?** Not applicable.
- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**  
Not applicable.
- h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**  
No, as this proposed rule change implements a requirement of the GED Testing Service.
- i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**  
Not applicable.
- j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**  
Not applicable.