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Retroactive

April 14, 2014

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education to **retroactively** pay the General Educational Development Testing Service (Vendor Code 177781) annual fee in an amount not to exceed \$18,561.00 effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. **100% General Funds.**

Funding is available in the account entitled Adult Education-State Fund Match for FY 14/15 as follows:

FY 2014 06-56-56-566010-70040000-601-500931 State Fund Match \$18,561.00

EXPLANATION

This request is retroactive due to the method used to calculate the 2014 annual fee. The GED annual per person fee is based upon the number of persons taking the test for the first time during the 2013 calendar year. The 2013 data is used to establish the General Educational Development Testing Service annual fee of \$18,561.00. The invoice for this fee was generated by the American Council on Education on February 24, 2014. The 2014 annual fee is needed to cover the tests that were taken through December 31, 2013 with the test scoring completed in calendar year 2014.

In 2013, 83.3% of the New Hampshire residents taking the General Educational Development test passed and received the High School Equivalency Certificate. The 2013 data is used to establish the annual fee (\$11.50 per person x 1,614 test takers). Since 1971, 74,829 New Hampshire citizens have successfully completed this test. While the age of those taking the test each year ranges from people in their late teens to people over 65, the average age is 24. The High School Equivalency Certificate is accepted as a high school completion document by most colleges, universities, and businesses. The availability of this test provides a significant alternative to a high school diploma for many New Hampshire adults who want to go on to higher education or upgrade their employment.

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This is the last payment to the American Council on Education. The State of New Hampshire began using the ETS HiSET test on January 2, 2014 as the qualifying standard for a New Hampshire High School Equivalency Certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Virginia M. Barry".

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INVOICE

Page: 1  
 Invoice No.: GED-126119  
 Invoice Date: February/24/2014  
 Customer No: 3000320050  
 Purchase Order No.:  
 Ref. GED Order No. GED467566  
 Payment Terms: Net 30  
 Due Date: March/26/2014

Please Remit To:

American Council on Education  
 GED Testing Service  
 PO Box 418762  
 Boston MA 02241-8762  
 United States

Customer:

State Department of Education  
 21 South Fruit Street  
 Suite 20  
 Concord NH 03301  
 United States

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$18,561.00

Amount Remitted

For billing questions, please call: 202-621-1622 American Council on Education - GED Testing Service - Inv. No.: GED-126119

Line	Item Id	Description	Quantity/UOM	Unit Amt	Net Amount
1	ANNPPFE	Annual Per Person Fee	1,614 EA	11.50	18,561.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	\$18,561.00
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Please note the INVOICE NUMBER on all remittances.  
 Thank you!