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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1140, L.D. 1705, "An Act Regarding Adult Education Funding and Oversight"

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 6th, 7th and 8th paragraphs (page 1, lines 17 to 24 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Whereas, direct appropriations will immediately ease the financial strain felt by adult education programs in the State; and'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8606-A, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Annual assessment and reporting. The department shall annually assess adult education needs in the State relative to funding appropriated by the Legislature. By December 3, 2025 and annually thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters with the findings of the assessment. The report must include:

A. Funding allocated to each adult education program in the State;

B. The full funding amount that each adult education program in the State is eligible for and the amount that figure has been prorated by the department;

C. The impact of funding on adult education program outcomes;

D. Additional funding needs;

E. A plan for gradually increasing annual funding to adult education programs in order to reach 100% of the State's obligation for adult education funding in accordance with subsection 4; and

F. Recommendations on improvements to adult education.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 5. Distribution of funding. The Department of Education shall distribute all funding attributable to adult education programs in the essential programs and services

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funding formula directly to adult education programs in the State through the subsidy outlined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 8607-A. The department may not distribute any funding attributable to adult education programs through a school administrative unit. The department shall distribute all funding associated with the college transitions programs under Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 2 directly to adult education programs through the subsidy outlined in Title 20-A, section 8607-A.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Adult Education 0364

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support adult education programs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$300,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$0

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Education Specialist III position to oversee the distribution of all funding attributable to adult education programs directly to adult education programs in the State.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$108,072	\$111,314
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$108,072	\$111,314

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the technology costs associated with making the system updates necessary to remove adult education funding from subsidy payments to local school administrative units and making the payments directly to adult education programs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$50,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$0

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$458,072	\$111,314
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$458,072	\$111,314

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment removes from the bill provisions related to the establishment of the
5 Career Advancement and Navigation Program. The amendment adds additional
6 requirements to the Department of Education's annual assessment and report, including the
7 full funding amount each adult education program is eligible for and a plan to achieve 100%
8 funding for adult education. The amendment also requires the department to distribute
9 funding directly to adult education programs rather than through the school administrative
10 unit. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

12 (See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1705****LR 1805(02)****An Act Regarding Adult Education Funding and Oversight****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (4-611)****Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$458,072	\$111,314	\$114,654	\$118,093
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$458,072	\$111,314	\$114,654	\$118,093

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$458,072 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$111,314 in fiscal year 2026-27 to support the provisions in the bill related to the funding of adult education programs in the State. Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2025-26, \$300,000 is provided to support adult education programs and \$50,000 is provided for the one-time technology costs to make the necessary system changes to remove adult education funding from subsidy payments to school administrative units and, instead, make the payments directly to adult education programs. Additionally, ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$108,072 and \$111,314 is provided in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, respectively, for one Education Specialist III position to oversee the distribution of funding to adult education programs in the State.