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128TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 521, L.D. 1492, Bill, "An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New Mainers To Strengthen the Workforce"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2.

Amend the bill in section 3 in §8613 in the first paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 3, lines 32 and 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "in collaboration with the Office of New Mainers established in Title 5, section 25001"

Amend the bill in section 3 in §8613 in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 3, line 36 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "populations or" the following: 'that have'

Amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 5, lines 1 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

1. Program requirements. The Department of Education's office of adult education and family literacy, referred to in this section as "the office," shall administer the 2-year program. The program must prepare immigrants for identified workforce needs of employers in the State to accelerate entry into livable wage employment and enhance employer retention of the immigrants by combining vocation-specific English-language acquisition with training in the specific vocational areas required by the employers. Training must be conducted pursuant to a grant process under subsection 2.'

Amend the bill in section 5 in the last paragraph in the first line (page 6, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2020" and inserting the following: '2021'

Amend the bill in section 5 in the last paragraph in the last line (page 6, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "129th" and inserting the following: '130th'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. Department of Education to provide grants for English-language acquisition instruction for adult education programs and proposed welcome centers. The Department of Education's office of adult education and family literacy shall develop and implement a grant process to provide funding on a competitive basis to adult education programs in communities experiencing an increase in immigrant

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1 populations to reduce the waiting list for English-language acquisition classes and to
2 increase the level of English-language acquisition instruction offered as needed by the
3 communities receiving the grants and to provide funding on a competitive basis to
4 proposed welcome centers. The department shall award grants under this section to
5 eligible communities in a number and amount determined by available funding. The
6 department shall adopt routine technical rules as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes,
7 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of this section.'

8 Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 1 in the first 3 lines (page 6, lines 37 to 39
9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "in collaboration with the Office of New Mainers
10 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 25001 shall implement the
11 program" and inserting the following: 'shall implement the 2-year program'

12 Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 5 in the 3rd line (page 7, line 20 in L.D.) by
13 striking out the following: "2018" and inserting the following: '2019'

14 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

15 '**Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
16 allocations are made.

17 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

18 **Adult Education 0364**

19 Initiative: Provides funds in fiscal year 2018-19 for grants to adult education programs to
20 increase English-language acquisition instruction in communities experiencing an
21 increase in immigrant populations. The programs will serve 170 participants.

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|----|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 22 | GENERAL FUND | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 23 | All Other | \$0 | \$85,000 |
| 24 | | | |
| 25 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | \$0 | \$85,000 |

26 **Adult Education 0364**

27 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for expansion of the Welcome Center Initiative within
28 the City of Lewiston's adult education program to attract, educate and retain foreign-
29 trained workers residing in Androscoggin County.

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| 30 | GENERAL FUND | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 31 | All Other | \$0 | \$75,000 |
| 32 | | | |
| 33 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | \$0 | \$75,000 |

34 **Adult Education 0364**

35 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants for proposed Welcome Centers.

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| 1 | GENERAL FUND | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 2 | All Other | \$0 | \$50,000 |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$50,000</u> |

5 **Local Community Planning Support Program N256**
6 Initiative: Provides funds in fiscal year 2018-19 for counties, municipalities and school
7 administrative units to manage new immigrant populations who have settled within the
8 counties, municipalities and school administrative units or to attract immigrant
9 populations to address depopulation or workforce shortages within the counties,
10 municipalities and school administrative units.

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| 11 | GENERAL FUND | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 12 | All Other | \$0 | \$40,000 |
| 13 | | | |
| 14 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$40,000</u> |

15 **Vocation-specific English-language Acquisition and Workforce Training Program**
16 **N255**
17 Initiative: Provides funds in fiscal year 2018-19 for grants to service providers to provide
18 English-language instruction and vocational training and to place immigrant populations
19 in the State with employers in the State. The grants will serve 175 participants in fiscal
20 year 2018-19.

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| 21 | GENERAL FUND | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 22 | All Other | \$0 | \$140,000 |
| 23 | | | |
| 24 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$140,000</u> |

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| 25 | EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF | | |
| 26 | DEPARTMENT TOTALS | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 27 | | | |
| 28 | GENERAL FUND | \$0 | \$390,000 |
| 29 | | | |
| 30 | DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$390,000</u> |
| 31 | | | |

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

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This amendment is the majority report of the committee and removes the Office of
36 New Mainers and the Office of New Mainers Advisory Committee from the bill and

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removes all references to both offices. It adds proposed welcome centers to the purpose for which adult education program grants may be given. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section and clarifies that the newly created local community planning support program and the newly created vocation-specific English-language acquisition and workforce training program are intended to be 2-year programs. It is the intent of the majority of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs that the following funding be provided in fiscal year 2019-20: \$75,000 in ongoing funds to the adult education program for the expansion of the Welcome Center Initiative within the City of Lewiston's adult education program; \$85,000 for grants to adult education programs to increase English-language acquisition instruction in communities experiencing an increase in immigrant populations; \$40,000 for the local community planning support program to manage newly settled immigrant populations or to attract immigrant populations; and \$160,000 for grants to service providers to provide English-language instruction and vocational training for 200 participants.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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LD 1492

LR 26(05)

An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New Mainers To Strengthen the Workforce

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-308)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | FY 2017-18 | FY 2018-19 | Projections FY 2019-20 | Projections FY 2020-21 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$390,000 | \$360,000 | \$75,000 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$390,000 | \$360,000 | \$75,000 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$390,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Education for programs to attract, educate and retain immigrant populations in the State's workforce. These amounts include:

- 1) Ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$75,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Adult Education program for the expansion of the Welcome Center Initiative within the City of Lewiston's adult education program to attract, educate and retain foreign-trained workers residing in Androscoggin County;
- 2) A General Fund appropriation of \$40,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to a newly created Local Community Planning Support Program to provide funds to counties, municipalities and school administrative units (SAU's) to manage new immigrant populations who have settled within the counties, municipalities and SAU's or to attract immigrant populations to address depopulation or workforce shortages. It is the intent of the Legislature that an additional \$40,000 in General Fund support be provided in fiscal year 2019-20;
- 3) A General Fund appropriation of \$85,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Adult Education program for grants to adult education programs to increase English-language acquisition instruction in communities experiencing an increase in immigrant populations. It is the intent of the Legislature that an additional \$85,000 in General Fund support be provided in fiscal year 2019-20;
- 4) A one-time General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Adult Education program for grants for proposed Welcome Centers; and
- 5) A General Fund appropriation of \$140,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to a newly created Vocation-specific English-language Acquisition and Workforce Training Program for grants to service providers to provide English-language instruction, vocational training and placement of immigrant populations in the State with employers of the State. It is the intent of the Legislature that an additional \$160,000 in General Fund support be provided in fiscal year 2019-20.