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Overview

This bill provides \$10,000 in additional aid to qualifying sites that offer adult basic education (ABE) instruction. An eligible site was open in fiscal year 1999, is 17 miles from the next nearest ABE site, and has a teacher on staff for 70 or more hours in an academic year.

Under current law, appropriations for adult basic education are distributed to participating districts and consortiums through a formula that provides funding for full-time equivalent students based on 65 percent of the general education formula allowance.

1 Sparsity allowance. Provides \$10,000 in additional aid for eligible ABE program sites. An eligible site:

- (1) is 17 or more miles from the nearest ABE site;
- (2) provided instruction in fiscal year 1999; and
- (3) was staffed by a teacher 70 hours or more from September to June in the year aid is provided.

A sparsity allowance is subject to proration if ABE appropriations are insufficient.

2 Appropriation. Makes a blank general fund appropriation to provide sparsity allowance for eligible ABE sites.