

Subject Adult Basic Education Aid

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Overview

Adult basic education (ABE) programs provide academic instruction to adults and older teenagers who have not finished high school. The purpose of ABE instruction is to enable an ABE student to obtain a high school diploma or equivalency certificate. A district or an organization offering an ABE program may charge a sliding fee to program participants. ABE funding is distributed to local fiscal hosts (generally school districts) who often work in concert with other school districts and nonschool literacy partners. The ABE formula is based on contact hours, population, the enrollment of English learners, and the number of adults age 25 or older with no diploma residing in a district. Under current law, the statewide ABE appropriation (currently about \$52 million) annually grows by the rate of growth in the number of statewide contact hours (hours of instruction), but is limited to a growth rate of not more than 3 percent per year. For the last several years, the statewide number of contact hours has not grown.

H.F. 4004 resets the base funding level to \$52 million for fiscal year 2023 (not changing the statewide amount), modifies the growth factor to be the greater of the annual growth in statewide contact hours or the growth in the general education basic formula allowance, and increases the contact hour aid limit from \$22 to \$28 per hour.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	State total adult basic education aid.
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Adds an additional option to grow Adult basic education (ABE) revenue by the growth in the general education basic revenue allowance, but not more than 3 percent per year. Rebases the statutory statewide ABE aid amount to 2023.

Section	Description
2	Adult basic education program aid limit. Increases the maximum contact hour rate from \$22 to \$28 per year.
3	Appropriation; adult basic education. Appropriates an unspecified amount of money to fund additional ABE aid required under sections 1 and 2.



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