



# ALERT

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IN MASSACHUSETTS

## Alert #10- FY2013

5/31/13

### ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** State (not federal)
2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION:** Thank your legislators for supporting ABE!

### HOUSE AND SENATE LEVEL FUND ABE

- Both the House and Senate versions of the FY2014 budget fund the ABE line item #7035-0002 at \$30,174,160. The current FY2013 ABE funding level is \$30,174,160.

- In the coming days, a conference committee will be appointed to reconcile the House and Senate budget figures for FY2014. Since the amounts for ABE are the same in both versions of the budget, it is not subject to conference.

#### - Your calls were the reason that, together, we:

- **Prevented a funding cut of \$1 million to the ABE line item in the House version of the budget.**
- **Secured 45 amendment sponsors in the House and 16 amendment sponsors in the Senate.**

- Thank you for reaching out to your Representatives and Senators during the FY2014 budget process to tell them how important adult basic education is to your community.

- MCAE appreciates all your advocacy efforts!

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR LEGISLATORS!

- The ABE field is known for thanking legislators for their support.

### NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

**June 14, 2013**

10 a.m. to 12 noon

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- If your legislator signed on to an ABE amendment during the FY2014 budget process, please call him/her to say thank you. Below is a list of legislators who co-sponsored ABE amendments.

- Please take the time now to thank your legislators for his/her support of the ABE!

### **House Amendments - 45 Co-sponsors**

#### **Rep. Nangle's Amendment (\$30.7 million)**

Rep. Arciero (Westford)  
Rep. Balsemer (Newton)  
Rep. Brady (Brockton)  
Rep. Calter (Kingston)  
Rep. Campbell (Methuen)  
Rep. Canavan (Brockton)  
Rep. Cariddi (North Adams)  
Rep. Chan (Quincy)  
Rep. Conroy (Wayland)  
Rep. Devers (Lawrence)  
Rep. DiZoglio (Matheun)  
Rep. Dwyer (Woburn)  
Rep. Farley-Bouvier (Pittsfield)  
Rep. Forry (Boston)  
Rep. Fox (Boston)  
Rep. Garballey (Arlington)  
Rep. Hecht (Watertown)  
Rep. Hogan (Stow)  
Rep. Keefe (Worcester)  
Rep. Khan (Newton)  
Rep. Kocot (Northampton)  
Rep. Malia (Boston)  
Rep. Moran (Lawrence)  
Rep. Murphy (Lowell)  
Rep. Nangle (Lowell)  
Rep. Nyman (Hanover)  
Rep. Provost (Somerville)  
Rep. Rogers (Cambridge)  
Rep. Sanchez (Boston)  
Rep. Sannicandro (Ashland)  
Rep. Smizik (Brookline)  
Rep. Sullivan (Fall River)  
Rep. Timilty (Milton)  
Rep. Toomey (Cambridge)  
Rep. Walsh (Framingham)

#### **Rep. Koczera's Amendment (\$31.9 million)**

Rep. Arciero (Westford)  
Rep. Cabral (New Bedford)  
Rep. Conroy (Wayland)

Rep. Farley-Bouvier (Pittsfield)  
 Rep. Dorcena-Forry (Boston)  
 Rep. Fox (Boston)  
 Rep. Galvin (Canton)  
 Rep. Kaufman (Lexington)  
 Rep. Khan (Newton)  
 Rep. Koczera (New Bedford)  
 Rep. O'Day (West Boylston)  
 Rep. Schmid (Westport)  
 Rep. Toomey (Cambridge)  
 Rep. Walsh (Framingham)

**Rep. Fox's Amendment (\$35 million)**

Rep. Devers (Lawrence)  
 Rep. Forry (Boston)  
 Rep. Fox (Boston)  
 Rep. Gordon (Bedford)  
 Rep. Henriquez (Boston)  
 Rep. Khan (Newton)  
 Rep. Vega (Holyoke)

**Senate Amendment - 16 Co-sponsors  
 \$32 million**

Senator Brownsberger (Belmont)  
 Senator Chang-Diaz (Boston)  
 Senator Clark (Melrose)  
 Senator Creem (Newton)  
 Senator DiDomenico (Everett)  
 Senator Donnelly (Arlington)  
 Senator Donoghue (Tynsborough)  
 Senator Eldridge (Acton)  
 Senator Jehlen (Somerville)  
 Senator Keenan (Salem)  
 Senator Kennedy (Brockton)  
 Senator Knapik (Westfield)  
 Senator Lovely (Salem)  
 Senator Petrucelli (Boston)  
 Senator Rush (West Roxbury)  
 Senator Spilka (Ashland)

**FY2014 BUDGET SUMMARY**

**House Budget:**

- The House Ways and Means budget proposed a \$1 million cut to ABE, and three different amendments were offered by Representatives Gloria Fox, Robert Koczera and David Nangle to increase funding for ABE. Ultimately, a compromised amendment was adopted by the

House to increase the ABE line item by just over a \$1 million to \$30,174,160. More than forty representatives signed on to the three amendments.

### Senate Budget:

- The Senate Ways and Means budget essentially level-funded ABE. During the Senate budget debate, Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz offered an amendment to increase ABE funding to \$32 million. Sixteen senators sponsored the amendment. Unfortunately, the amendment was not adopted.

Both the House and Senate versions of the FY2014 budget include an earmark of \$150,000 for Operation ABLE. MCAE opposed this earmark during the budget process.

## QUESTIONS

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