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Alert #11 - FY2011

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ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** State (not federal)
2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION:** None; for information only

JOINT WAYS AND MEANS CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RELEASES FY 2012 BUDGET

- The Joint Ways and Means Conference Committee, charged with reconciling the different House and Senate figures, released its budget today.

- **The FY12 amount for ABE line item #7035-0002 is \$27,702,108, which is the same level of funding as there was for FY11, the fiscal year that just ended yesterday.**

- **There is no action that needs to be taken.**

NEXT STEPS IN THE BUDGET PROCESS

- The House and Senate will vote on the Joint Ways and Means Conference Committee budget. The House and Senate can only vote for or against the budget in its entirety. No further amendments are allowed.
- Once the budget passes, it is referred to the Governor for signature.
- The Governor has 10 days to review and sign the budget. The Governor also has line item veto authority and can veto entire line items, reduce the amount in a line item and/or strike budget language. The Governor cannot add additional money to a line item.
- The full legislature (House and Senate together) need a 2/3 vote to

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 16, 2010

10 a.m. to 12 noon
UMass/Boston
100 Morrissey Blvd
Healey Library
Media Conference Room
Lower Level

via videoconference:
Holyoke Community College
contact gkohout@hcc.edu for
exact room location

override any of the Governor's vetoes. Veto overrides must originate in the House.

- If the Governor takes no action on the budget within 10 days of receiving it, the budget automatically becomes law.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you for making sure your state legislators know what an important investment adult basic education is for their constituents and the Commonwealth, especially in these difficult economic times.

- **Please be sure to thank your state senator and state representative for supporting ABE!**

QUESTIONS:

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