



ALERT

THE VOICE OF
ADULT EDUCATION
IN MASSACHUSETTS

Alert #5 - FY2013

4/10/13

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. PURVIEW: State (not federal)
2. LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION: Staff, adult learners, volunteers
3. WHO IS BEING CONTACTED: State representatives (not senators)
4. TIME LINE: **IMMEDIATE**, to state representatives who begin debating the House version of the state budget on April 22, 2013.

FY2014 HOUSE BUDGET PROPOSES CUT TO ABE

- This afternoon, the House Ways and Means Committee released its proposed state budget for FY2014.

- **The appropriation for ABE line item #7035-0002 is \$29,156,340.**

- This amount is a cut of \$1,017,820. The current FY13 ABE funding level of \$30,174,160.

REP. NANGLE (D-LOWELL) TO FILE ABE AMENDMENT

- Rep. David Nangle (D-Lowell) is sponsoring a budget amendment to increase the House Ways and Means Budget appropriation for ABE line item #7035-0002 from \$29,156,340 to \$30,702,108.

- The amendment amount is equal to the \$30.7 million appropriation for FY2012.

- Given the number of amendments that are usually filed, we must get as many co-sponsors as possible to increase the chances that the amendment will be considered and that it will be successful.

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 10, 2013

10 a.m. to 12 noon

UMass/Boston
100 Morrissey Blvd Healey
Library
Media Conference Room
Lower Level

via videoconference:
**Holyoke Community
College**
for exact room location:
kdunkelberg@hcc.edu

- We need your representative to sign on as a co-sponsor on or before Friday, April 19.

- Representatives can sign on as a sponsor now even though the amendment won't be assigned a number until next week.

- Budget debate begins Monday, April 22.

URGE YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TO CO-SPONSOR REP. NANGLE'S BUDGET AMENDMENT

- Call your state representative and urge him/her to co-sponsor Rep. David Nangle's ABE budget amendment.

- Speak with an aide if you cannot speak with the representative directly, and ask for the aide's name for future reference.

- It's better to speak with someone rather than leave a message.

- If you do not know who your state representative is, either call the State House switchboard (617-722-2000) or go to wheredoivotema.com

SCRIPT TO USE AS A GUIDE

1. Give your name.

2. Say you live in the representative's district. If you are registered to vote, say you are a registered voter in the district.

3. Urge the representative to co-sponsor Rep. Nangle's ABE budget amendment.

4. If you have time, say why you believe adult basic education is especially important now:

- People without jobs need ABE services even more now so they can be ready for jobs that emerge as the economy improves.

- Helping adults to improve their basic skills will help them, individual businesses and the state's economy all increase productivity and prosperity.

- ABE is vital for adults who need a high school credential (e.g., GED) to be eligible for training programs, higher education and better job opportunities.

5. If you are a student, say how ABE is helping you to achieve your goals.

6. Thank the representative/senator or aide for his/her time, especially if you are told that the representative will co-sponsor the amendment.

7. Report back so we know who supports this request and where we must do follow-up!

PLEASE REPORT BACK!

1. Please remember to report back to your Program Point Person. If you do not know who your Program Point Person is or you don't have one, please report back to Jennifer McAllister at MCAE. (jmcallister@mcae.net)

2. Please use this scale to report your representative's level of support for the amendment:

0 = unknown; left a message;

1 = made a definitive commitment to support the amendment (not just ABE in general);

2 = favorable toward amendment, but no definite commitment;

3 = neutral toward amendment;

4 = opposed or negative to the amendment; definitely will not support it.

QUESTIONS

For questions on this alert, contact Jennifer McAllister at jmcallister@mcae.net or 617-482-MCAE (6223), Steve Reuys at steve.reuys@umb.edu or 617-287-4071 or Roberta Soolman at litvolma@aol.com or 617-367-1313.

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