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## Alert #6 - FY2013

4/17/13

### ALERT SUMMARY:

1. PURVIEW: State (not federal)
2. LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION: Staff, adult learners, volunteers
3. WHO IS BEING CONTACTED: State representatives
4. TIME LINE: **Immediate**; budget debate begins in the House on April 22, 2013.

### CALLS NEEDED THIS WEEK TO STATE REPS TO SUPPORT 3 ABE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

- This amount is \$1,017,820 less than the current FY13 ABE funding level of \$30,174,160.

- MCAE's first priority is to garner as many co-sponsors as possible for the 3 ABE amendments to: (1) demonstrate strong support for increased ABE funding before the budget debate; and (2) to increase the possibility of at least one of the amendments reaching the floor for a successful vote.

- If your state representative already signed on to any amendment, please call him/her to say thank you.

- If you state representative has **not** yet signed on to any amendments, please call to urge him/her to either sign on to all 3 amendments or to sign on to any of the amendments he/she is able to support.

- MCAE is also supporting budget amendments for the Citizenship for New Americans Program (CNAP), the Pathways to Self-Sufficiency Pilot, the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund (WCTF) and the new Bridges to College line item. See below for more information on these amendments that affect ABE students and ask your representative to support them when you call.

- Be sure to speak with an aide if the representative is not available.

NEXT MCAE  
PUBLIC  
POLICY  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING

May 10, 2013  
10 a.m. to 12 noon

World Education  
44 Farnsworth St  
Boston  
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College  
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location

- For more information on how to find out who your representative is, a telephone script and instructions to report back to MCAE, please refer to Alert #5 - FY2013 sent on April 10, 2013.

**AMENDMENT #207 - \$30,702,108 FOR ABE**  
**Rep. Nangle (Lowell)**

**Co-Sponsors to date:**

Rep. Brady (Brockton)  
Rep. Calter (Kingston)  
Rep. Campbell (Methuen)  
Rep. Canavan (Brockton)  
Rep. Cariddi (North Adams)  
Rep. Chan (Quincy)  
Rep. Devers (Lawrence)  
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. Nyman (Hanover)  
Rep. Provost (Somerville)  
Rep. Rogers (Cambridge)  
Rep. Sannicandro (Ashland)  
Rep. Smizik (Brookline)  
Rep. Sullivan (Fall River)  
Rep. Timilty (Milton)  
Rep. Toomey (Cambridge)

**AMENDMENT #177 - \$31,156,340 FOR ABE**  
**Rep. Koczera (New Bedford)**

**Co-Sponsors to date:**

Rep. Cabral (New Bedford)  
Rep. Conroy (Wayland)  
Rep. Farley-Bouvier (Pittsfield)  
Rep. Fox (Boston)  
Rep. Galvin (Canton)  
Rep. Kaufman (Lexington)  
Rep. O'Day (West Boylston)  
Rep. Schmid (Westport)  
Rep. Toomey (Cambridge)  
Rep. Walsh (Framingham)

**AMENDMENT #464 - \$35,000,000 FOR ABE  
Rep. Fox (Boston)**

**Co-Sponsors to date:**

Rep. Devers (Lawrence)  
Rep. Forrey (Boston)  
Rep. Gordon (Bedford)  
Rep. Henriquez (Boston)

**Amendment #640: Citizenship for New Americans  
Program (CNAP)  
Rep. Cabral (New Bedford)**

**Co-sponsors to date:**

Rep. Andrews (Orange)  
Rep. Basile (Boston)  
Rep. Balsler (Newton)  
Rep. Chan (Quincy)  
Rep. Decker (Cambridge)  
Rep. Devers (Lawrence)  
Rep. Farley-Bouvier (Pittsfield)  
Rep. Forrey ( Boston)  
Rep. Fox (Boston)  
Rep. Henriquez (Boston)  
Rep. Keenan (Salem)  
Rep. Khan (Newton)  
Rep. Malia (Boston)  
Rep. Provost (Somerville)  
Rep. Rogers (Cambridge)  
Rep. Sanchez (Boston)  
Rep. Sannicandro (Ashland)  
Rep. Schmid (Westport)  
Rep. Sciortino (Medford)  
Rep. Smizik (Brookline)  
Rep. Swan (Springfield)  
Rep. Toomey (Cambridge)  
Rep. Walsh (Boston)

**Line item: 4003-0122**

For a citizenship for new Americans program to assist legal permanent residents of the commonwealth in becoming citizens of the United States; provided, that the office for refugees and immigrants shall administer the program; provided further, that the program funded by this item shall provide assistance to persons who are within 3 years of eligibility to become citizens of the United States; provided further, that services shall be designed to include: ESOL/civics classes, citizenship application assistance, interview preparation and support services including, but not limited to, interpretation and referral services; provided further, that persons who would qualify for benefits under chapter 118A of the General Laws but for their status as legal non-citizens shall be given highest priority for services; and provided further, that persons who currently receive state-funded benefits which could be replaced, in whole or in part, by federally-funded benefits if these persons become citizens, shall be given priority for

services.....\$1,000,000

## **AMENDMENT #624: PATHWAYS TO FAMILY ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

**Rep. Khan (Newton) and Rep. Conroy (Wayland)**

### **Co-Sponsors to date:**

Rep. Andrews (Orange)  
Rep. Cabral (New Bedford)  
Rep. Decker (Cambridge)  
Rep. Devers (Lawrence)  
Rep. Farley-Bouvier (Pittsfield)  
Rep. Garballey (Arlington)  
Rep. Gregoire (Marlborough)  
Rep. Heroux (Attleboro)  
Rep. Kaufman (Lexington)  
Rep. Sannicandro (Ashland)  
Rep. Sciortino (Medford)  
Rep. Smizik (Brookline)  
Rep. Swan (Springfield)  
Rep. Toomey (Cambridge)  
Rep. Walsh (Framingham)

Adds language to establish the Pathways to Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Pilot program (Pilot) and funds the Employment Services Program (DTA 4401-1000) at \$9.1 million which includes funding for the Pilot to equip low-income families with the tools they need to achieve long-term economic security. It also level funds all programs that received funding under this line item in FY13.

For full text of the amendment:

<http://www.malegislature.gov/Bills/188/House/H3400/Amendment/House/624/OriginalText>

## **AMENDMENT #813: WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS TRUST FUND (WCTF)**

**Rep. Conroy (Wayland)**

### **Co-Sponsors to date:**

Rep. Andrews (Orange)  
Rep. Cariddi (North Adams)  
Rep. Ehrlich (Marblehead)  
Rep. Farley-Bouvier (Pittsfield)  
Rep. Garballey (Arlington)  
Rep. Garry (Dracut)  
Rep. Gordon (Bedford)  
Rep. Hecht (Watertown)  
Rep. Kaufman (Lexington)  
Rep. Koczera (New Bedford)  
Rep. McMurtry (Dedham)  
Rep. O'Day (West Boylston)  
Rep. Scibak (South Hadley)  
Rep. Sullivan (Fall River)

Funds WCTF at \$5 million (WFD 7002-1074) to support employer-led training partnerships, aligned to the Commonwealth's economic development strategy. Funds will provide skills development for unemployed persons to achieve jobs and career advancement.

For amendment: \_

<http://www.malegislature.gov/Bills/188/House/H3400/Amendment/House/813/OriginalText>

## **AMENDMENT #227: BRIDGES TO COLLEGE**

**Rep. Michlewitz (Boston)**

### **Co-Sponsors to date:**

Rep. Brodeur (Melrose)  
Rep. Forry (Boston)  
Rep. Garballey (Arlington)  
Rep. Linsky (Natick)  
Rep. McMurtry (Dedham)  
Rep. Sannicandro (Ashland)  
Rep. Smizik (Brookline)

Funds adult college transition services focused on low-income and entry-level workers to bridge academic gaps of underserved populations and resulting in their college entrance, retention and success. Funds line item #7066-xxxx (specific line item number to be determined) at \$500,000.

For amendment:

<http://www.malegislature.gov/Bills/188/House/H3400/Amendment/House/227/OriginalText>

## **QUESTIONS**

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