



ALERT

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ADULT EDUCATION
IN MASSACHUSETTS

Alert #8 - FY2013

5/15/13

ALERT SUMMARY:

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

FY2014 SENATE BUDGET LEVEL FUNDS ABE

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

- **The appropriation for ABE line item #7035-0002 is \$30,024,160.**

- This is essentially level funding. The current FY13 ABE funding level of \$30,174,160.

SENATOR CHANG-DIAZ (D-BOSTON) TO FILE ABE AMENDMENT

- Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz (D-Boston) is sponsoring a budget sponsoring a budget amendment to increase the Senate Ways and Means budget appropriation for ABE line item #7035-0002 from \$30,024,160 to \$32,000,000.

- 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.

- **We need your senator to sign on as a co-sponsor on or before 3pm on Friday, May 17.**

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 14, 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:
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- Senators can sign on as a sponsor now even though the amendment won't be assigned a number until next week.
- Budget debate begins next week on May 22, 2013.

URGE YOUR STATE SENATOR TO CO-SPONSOR SENATOR CHANG-DIAZ'S BUDGET AMENDMENT

- Call your state senator and urge him/her to co-sponsor Senator Chang-Díaz's ABE budget amendment.
- Speak with an aide if you cannot speak with the senator 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 senator 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 senator's district. If you are registered to vote, say you are a registered voter in the district.
3. Urge the representative to co-sponsor Senator Chang-Díaz 's ABE budget amendment.
4. If you have time, say why you believe adult basic education is especially important now:
5. If you are a student, say how ABE is helping you to achieve your goals.
6. Thank the senator or aide for his/her time, especially if you are told that the senator 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 senator'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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