



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New Mainers To Strengthen the Workforce

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$390,000	\$360,000	\$75,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$390,000	\$360,000	\$75,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$390,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Education for programs to attract, educate and retain immigrant populations in the State's workforce. These amounts include:

- 1) Ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$75,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Adult Education program for the expansion of the Welcome Center Initiative within the City of Lewiston's adult education program to attract, educate and retain foreign-trained workers residing in Androscoggin County;
- 2) A General Fund appropriation of \$40,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to a newly created Local Community Planning Support Program to provide funds to counties, municipalities and school administrative units (SAU's) to manage new immigrant populations who have settled within the counties, municipalities and SAU's or to attract immigrant populations to address depopulation or workforce shortages. It is the intent of the Legislature that an additional \$40,000 in General Fund support be provided in fiscal year 2019-20;
- 3) A General Fund appropriation of \$85,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Adult Education program for grants to adult education programs to increase English-language acquisition instruction in communities experiencing an increase in immigrant populations. It is the intent of the Legislature that an additional \$85,000 in General Fund support be provided in fiscal year 2019-20;
- 4) A one-time General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Adult Education program for grants for proposed Welcome Centers; and
- 5) A General Fund appropriation of \$140,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to a newly created Vocation-specific English-language Acquisition and Workforce Training Program for grants to service providers to provide English-language instruction, vocational training and placement of immigrant populations in the State with employers of the State. It is the intent of the Legislature that an additional \$160,000 in General Fund support be provided in fiscal year 2019-20.