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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Adult basic education aid is provided to a number of consortiums that provide adult basic education services. The current allocation procedure requires the appropriation to be split according to a variety of program characteristics. Additionally, there are statutory limits on the amount of participant growth in any consortium that can be counted in the following year and on the overall hourly program costs per participant. Because of these limits, some of the initial appropriation each year cancels back to the general fund.

This bill increases the statewide amount of adult basic education aid by 3 percent per year and recaptures the adult basic education aid that would otherwise cancel to the general fund. Aid that would be lost because of limits on program growth is reallocated by adjusting the maximum allowed contact hour rate while aid that is lost for programs exceeding the contact hour rate is added to the appropriation for the following fiscal year.

#### Section

- 1**     **Accounts; revenue; aid.** Allows an adult basic education program to include expenditures made between July 1 and September 30 of the following year in its current year expenditures.
- 2**     **State total adult basic education aid.** Increases the state total amount of adult basic education aid by 3 percent per year beginning in FY 2006. Includes in the amount of adult basic education aid that is distributed to adult basic education programs the amount of any aid that cancels back to the general fund in the previous year because of the adult basic

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education program aid limit on the contact hour rate (currently limited to not more \$21 per prior year contact hour).

- 3** **Adult basic education program aid limit.** Authorizes the amounts of adult basic education aid that are canceled back to the general fund because of the program aid contact hour aid limit to be added to the state total adult basic education aid for the next fiscal year. Requires any adult basic education aid that would otherwise cancel back to the general fund because of the limits on program growth to be reallocated in that year by adjusting the contact hour rate for that year.
- 4** **Adult literacy grants for recent immigrants.** Creates a supplemental grant program to allow the commissioner of education to award grants to adult basic education service providers who are providing language services to recent immigrants.
- 5** **Appropriations.** Appropriates unspecified amounts from the general fund in fiscal years 2006 and 2007 for the adult basic education program and for the grants for recent immigrants.