Overview

This bill provides additional aid to qualifying school districts and consortiums that offer adult basic education (ABE). A participating district is eligible for an additional $1 per capita of aid if it has an approved basic service level and a population of under 30,000. The department of children, families and learning must report on the effectiveness of the aid.

Under current law, appropriations for adult basic education are distributed to participating districts and consortiums through a formula that provides funding for full-time equivalent students based on 65 percent of the general education formula allowance.

1 **Basic service level.** Requires districts and consortiums of districts to establish a basic service level for each ABE site within the district to describe minimum levels of instruction and services. The commissioner of children, families and learning must approve the basic service level.

2 **Basic population aid.** Provides $1 per capita funding to districts that offered ABE programs in fiscal year 1999 that have populations below 30,000 and an approved basic service level. The additional aid must be used to support sites that meet the approved basic service level.

3 **Basic service report.** Requires the commissioner of children, families and learning to report to the legislature on the basic service levels approved by the department and the effectiveness of the additional aid in maintaining ABE access throughout Minnesota.

4 **Appropriations.** Makes blank general fund appropriation to the department of children, families and learning for basic population aid.