Overview

This bill funds adult basic education aid and adult graduation aid at the level recommended by the governor. It authorizes the use of four percent of the funding for staff and volunteer training and other support and outreach for adult education and literacy programs. Specific one-time funding is provided for technology for adult education programs, equipment for disabled adults to participate in adult education programs, and to continue funding for the citizenship promotion program.

1 **Program approval.** Authorizes the commissioner of children, families and learning to use up to four percent of the annual ABE appropriations for support services and training, including:
   (1) statewide professional development, support and resource services; and
   (2) a grant to a nonprofit organization to train volunteers, coordinate literacy programs, operate a referral service for adult students, and promote literacy.

2 **Appropriations.** Makes general fund appropriations to the department of children, families and learning for adult basic education aid and adult graduation aid, including $2.5 million in one-time funding to:
   (1) purchase technology for adult basic education ($500,000 each year);
   (2) purchase equipment to serve adults with severe disabilities ($500,000 each year); and
   (3) provide continued funding for the citizenship promotion program to assist legal immigrants in preparing for citizenship application.

3 **Repealer.** Repeals section 124D.53, subdivision 6 that authorizes the proportional proration of ABE aid, and Laws 1997, chapter 162, article 2, section 32 that repeals the citizenship promotion program effective June 30, 1999.