



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Table with 5 columns: Category, FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, Projections FY 2021-22, Projections FY 2022-23. Rows include Net Cost (Savings) and Appropriations/Allocations for General Fund.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$1,475,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$1,525,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 to the Department of Education to provide education, services and training for the State's workforce immigrant population. Of these amounts, \$150,000 per year in ongoing funds is for the expansion of the Welcome Center Initiative with the City of Lewiston's adult education program; \$150,000 per year in ongoing funds is for the New Mainers Resource Center within the City of Portland's adult education program; \$25,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 only and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 only is for grants for proposed welcome centers; \$600,000 per year in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 only is for adult education programs to increase English language acquisition instruction in certain communities; \$150,000 per year in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 only is for local communities to accomodate or attract immigrant populations to address depopulation or workforce shortages; and \$400,000 per year in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 only is for vocation-specific English language acquisition and workforce training programs.