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**STATE OF MAINE
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128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 521, L.D. 1492, Bill, “An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New Mainers To Strengthen the Workforce”

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2.

Amend the bill in section 3 in §8613 in the first paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 3, lines 32 and 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "in collaboration with the Office of New Mainers established in Title 5, section 25001"

Amend the bill in section 3 in §8613 in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 3, line 36 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "populations or" the following: 'that have'

Amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 5, lines 1 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'1. Program requirements. The Department of Education's office of adult education and family literacy, referred to in this section as "the office," shall administer the program. The program must prepare immigrants for identified workforce needs of employers in the State to accelerate entry into livable wage employment and enhance employer retention of the immigrants by combining vocation-specific English-language acquisition with training in the specific vocational areas required by the employers. Training must be conducted pursuant to a grant process under subsection 2.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. Department of Education to provide grants for English-language acquisition instruction for adult education programs and proposed welcome centers. The Department of Education's office of adult education and family literacy shall develop and implement a grant process to provide funding on a competitive basis to adult education programs in communities experiencing an increase in immigrant populations to reduce the waiting list for English-language acquisition classes and to increase the level of English-language acquisition instruction offered as needed by the communities receiving the grants and to provide funding on a competitive basis to proposed welcome centers. The department shall award grants under this section to eligible communities in a number and amount determined by available funding. The

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 department shall adopt routine technical rules as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes,
 2 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of this section.'

3 Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 1 in the first 3 lines (page 6, lines 37 to 39
 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "in collaboration with the Office of New Mainers
 5 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 25001"

6 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

7 '**Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 8 allocations are made.

9 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

10 **Adult Education 0364**

11 Initiative: Provides funds for expansion of the Welcome Center Initiative within the City
 12 of Lewiston's adult education program to attract, educate and retain foreign-trained
 13 workers residing in Androscoggin County.

14	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
15	All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
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17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

18 **Adult Education 0364**

19 Initiative: Provides funds for grants to adult education programs to increase English-
 20 language acquisition instruction in communities experiencing an increase in immigrant
 21 populations, which will serve 400 participants in both fiscal years of the biennium, and
 22 for grants for proposed Welcome Centers.

23	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
24	All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
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26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

27 **Local Community Planning Support Program N256**

28 Initiative: Provides funds for counties, municipalities and school administrative units to
 29 manage new immigrant populations who have settled within the counties, municipalities
 30 and school administrative units or to attract immigrant populations to address
 31 depopulation or workforce shortages within the counties, municipalities and school
 32 administrative units.

33	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
34	All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
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