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I am against LD 2167. You claim that this will help the shortages of workers in the healthcare education and construction industries. I see that these industries require the ability to some form of understandable English as well as training certification licensure apprenticeships or degrees. Unless of course you mean unskilled manual labor.

Your priorities are sadly mismanaged. Legal tax paying citizens of Maine:

1) Children and Families

2) Elderly

3) Veterans

This should include those with physical medical or mental disabilities that fall under the above 3 categories.

I think your first order of business should be to shut down our sanctuary status until we have a full accounting of these "New Mainers" ie: who is here - #'s and exactly who and what they are, when will vetting for eligibility to stay begin (with a time frame) what are they doing in the interim and how you will keep track of them to make sure they are following through with the process. Once this is completed then you can worry about "integrating" them. Until then no more illegals migrants asylum seekers or whatever designation you want to call them.

Without closing our sanctuary status and doing a full accounting I only see another taxpayer funded bureaucratic poorly run understaffed ineffectual system. This bill is a big no and ought not to pass.