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In the Budget Bill for FY 2005 money From the Education Fund was added to the Adult Education an Literacy appropriation

Some claimed this violated the restrictions of the Education Fund

Two years later the High School Completion Program was created so that Education Funds would be paid through school districts for services to anyone over 16 who was not enrolled in school.

The program was later amended to include enrolled students

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In the FY 2008 Budget Bill \$1,000,000 from the Education Fund was appropriated in the AEL appropriation.

It specified that the \$1,000,000 was to be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of High School Completion Program (HSCP).

This was the first year of the HSCP appropriation.

FY 2008 Budget Bill showing the \$1,000,000 for HSCP in the AEL appropriation

Sec. 175. Education - adult education and literacy

Grants	4,593,059
Source of funds	
General fund	2,717,398
Education fund	1,000,000
Federal funds	<u>875,661</u>
Total	4,593,059

Fast Forward to FY2010

FY10 to 11 - GF reduction in AEL offset by increase in EF so the State
could save GF
(Federal Funds left off for simplicity)

FY 2010				
B.504	General Fund		2,587,995	
	Education Fund		3,000,000	
E.504 All Ed Fund for High School completion				
FY 2011				GF + EF for AEL
B.504	General Fund		787,995	2,587,995
	Education Fund		4,800,000	
E.504	Adult Ed & Learning	1,800,000		
	High School Completion (HSC)	3,000,000		

FY 12 EF to HSC increased by \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000

FY 2012			GF + EF for AEL
B.504	General Fund		787,995
	Education Fund		5,800,000
E.504	Adult Ed & Learning	1,800,000	
	High School Completion (HSC)	4,000,000	
		5,800,000	

FY 13 No Change

FY 2013				GF + EF for AEL
B.504	General Fund		787,995	2,587,995
	Education Fund		5,800,000	
E.504	Adult Ed & Learning	1,800,000		
	High School Completion (HSC)	4,000,000		
		<u>5,800,000</u>		

FY 14 No Change

FY 2014				GF + EF for AEL
B.504	General Fund		787,995	2,587,995
	Education Fund		5,800,000	
E.504	Adult Ed & Learning	1,800,000		
	High School Completion (HSC)	4,000,000		
		<u>5,800,000</u>		

FY 15 - HSC Completion Reduced by \$750,00 to Pay for Dual Enrollment and Virtual Learning. HSC had accumulated carry forward funds to fill any gaps.

FY 2015			GF + EF for AEL
B.504	General Fund		787,995
	Education Fund		5,800,000
E.504	Adult Ed & Learning	1,800,000	
	High School Completion (HSC)	3,250,000	
	Dual Enrollment	650,000	
	Virtual Learning	100,000	
		<u>5,800,000</u>	

FY 16 - Error in EF splits lead to unintended increase in AEL by \$50,000 otherwise no change.

FY 2016				GF + EF for AEL
B.504	General Fund		787,995	2,637,995
	Education Fund		5,800,000	
E.504	AEL	1,850,000	Unintended \$50,000 inc.	
	HSC	3,225,000		
	Dual Enrollment	600,000		
	VSAC	25,000		
	Virtual Learning	100,000		
		5,800,000		

FY 17 Requesting \$750,000 increase in HSC from \$3,225,000 to \$3,975,000 due to program growth and carry forward funds being depleted.

FY 2017 Request				GF + EF for AEL
B.504	General Fund		787,995	2,587,995
	Education Fund		6,550,000	
E.504	AEL	1,800,000		
	HSC	3,975,000		
	Dual Enrollment	650,000		
	VSAC	25,000		
	Virtual Learning	100,000		
		6,550,000		

Problem

Mixing two separate programs, Adult Education and Literacy and the Flexible Pathways 16 VSA §§ 941 - 944 is causing confusion.

We recommend making these two separate appropriations

Proposed Change to Appropriation Bill Section B.504 for AEL to
try to reduce confusion

Split B.504 into two parts

1 – Adult Education and Learning

2 – Flexible Pathways per 16 VSA §§ 941-945

a- High School Completion

b - Dual Enrollment

Here is how it currently appears combining Flexible pathways (high school completion) with AEL. Note the \$750,000 increase in the Education Fund line. It is unclear what this is for.

		FY 16	FY 17
B. 504 - Adult Education & Literacy			
	Grants	7,351,468	8,101,468
Source of funds			
	General Fund	787,995	787,995
	Federal Fund	763,473	763,473
	Education Fund	5,800,000	6,550,000
	Total	7,351,468	8,101,468

Proposed Change to Appropriation Bill Sections. No change in total, just separating the programs.

Showing the AEL appropriation in its two parts		FY 16	FY 17
B.504.1	Adult Education & Literacy	3,351,468	3,351,468
	Grants		
	Source of funds		
	General Fund	787,995	787,995
	Federal Fund	763,473	763,473
	Ed Fund - Adult Education and Literacy	1,800,000	1,800,000
	Total	3,351,468	3,351,468
B.504.2	Flexible Pathways		
	Grants	4,000,000	4,750,000
	Source of funds		
	Ed Fund - Flexible Pathways	4,000,000	4,750,000
	Total	4,000,000	4,750,000

Sec. E.504.2 would explain how the Flexible Pathway funds would be used.

Sec. E.504.2

- (a) Of this appropriation \$3,975,000 shall be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of the high school completion program pursuant to 16 VSA § 943
- (b) \$650,000 is available for dual enrollment consistent with 16 VSA § 944 and the amount of \$25,000 is available for use pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this Act
- (c) \$100,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual Learning Collaborative at the River Valley Technical Center School District.