

Agency of Education Budget Adjustment January 2025

Agenda

- FY25 Budget Adjustments
 - Licensing Peer Review Program
 - Adult Education
 - Education spending
- FY24 Carryover and Reversions
 - General Fund
 - Education Fund

FY25 Budget adjustments: Peer Review Program

Peer Review Program

Vermont offers an "alternate route to licensure" for those who have not completed a traditional educator preparation program at a college or university. Vermont's alternate route is License by Evaluation or "Peer Review." Every Peer Review candidate completes a portfolio, which is reviewed by experienced teachers culminating in an interview.

- Sec. B 501 Appropriation 5100070000 Education Services
- The Peer Review program was budgeted for \$105,000 for about 88 peer reviews.
- Current estimated Peer Reviews for FY25 is 150.
- +\$75,000 in General Fund bringing this budget line item to \$180,000.

FY25 Budget adjustments:

Adult Education and Literacy

In [Act 113](#) of 2024, the revised § 4011 says “(f) Annually, the Secretary shall pay a local adult education and literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult education and secondary credential program an amount equal to 26 percent of the base education amount for each student who completes the diagnostic portion portions of the program, based on an average of the previous two years;”

- The number of students served in FY24 increased and an additional \$506,061 is needed in FY25
- Act 113 also changed how this grant was funded so the \$506,061 is broken out below
- 60% General fund Sec. B. 504 Approp. 5100060000 Adult Ed and Literacy
 - 303,637
- 40% Ed fund Sec. 504.1 Approp. 5100210000 Flexible Pathways
 - \$202,424

FY25 Budget adjustments: Education Spending

- Sec. B. 505 Appropriation 5100090000 Adjusted Education Payment
 - Reduction of 11,000,000 Education Fund
 - (\$3,000,000)
 - EL Categorical Aid was included in this number and then added new in Sec. B 507.1 Approp. 5100600000
 - (\$8,000,000)
 - Reduces the Ed Spending Grant down to the final Ed Spending amount after the final FY25 School Districts budget were amended and passed.

FY25 Budget adjustments: Universal Meals

- Sec. B.508 Appropriation 5100220000 Nutrition
 - Reduction of 2,900,000 Education Fund based on updated estimate from our Child Nutrition office.

FY24 Carryover and Reversions

- The following slides provide a summary of requested carryforward and available reversions of funds appropriated to the Agency of Education based on the final close-out balances on June 30, 2024.
- Annually the General Assembly authorizes the Commissioner of Finance and Management to allow unspent appropriations from the Education Fund to carryforward. Any funds that do not carry forward are reverted back to the Education Fund.

FY24 Carryover and Reversions

General Fund

Appropriation	Purchase Orders	Carryover	Reversion
Sec. B. 500 Education - Finance and Administration (5100010000)	6,000	-	-
Sec. B. 501 Education - Education Services (510007000)	-	893,846	100,000
Carryover Details			
Obligated for subgrants and Contracts		398,488	
Database overhaul to streamline and increase accessibility of Financial , Special Ed and Assessment data		236,376	
Reserved for Payact		75,000	
FY24 Peer Review funds		126,000	
Internship Program		58,000	
Total		893,864	

FY24 Carryover and Reversions

General Fund

Appropriation	Purchase Orders	Carryover	Reversion
Sec. B. 504 Education - Adult Education & Literacy (5100060000) ⁽¹⁾	-	35,245	-
Sec. B. 504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways (5100210000) ⁽²⁾	-	509,446	-
Sec. B. 511.1 Education - State Board of Education (5100400000) ⁽³⁾	-	506	-
Carryover Details			
⁽¹⁾ Obligated in subgrant agreements		35,245	
⁽²⁾ Obligated for Dual Enrollment Spring Semester		509,446	
⁽³⁾ Obligated in contract agreements		506	

FY24 Carryover and Reversions

Ed Fund

Appropriation	Carryover	Reversion
Sec. B. 500 Education - Finance and Administration (5100010000)		
Contract Obligations	100,000	
Reverted		301,041
Sec. B. 502 Education - Special Education Formula (5100040000)		
Grant Obligations	2,304,175	
Sec. B. 503 Education – State-Placed Students (5100050000) -		
Reverted		13,687,528

FY24 Carryover and Reversions

Ed Fund

Appropriation	Carryover	Reversion
Sec. B. 505 Education – Education Spending Grant (5100090000)		
Reverted	-	359,570
Sec. B. 507 Education – Small Schools Grant (5100110000)		
Reverted as the Small School Grant ended	-	593,700
Sec. B. 511 Education – Technical Education (5100200000) -		
Grant Obligations	367,667	-
Reverted		1,802,347

FY24 Carryover and Reversions

Ed Fund

Appropriation	Carryover	Reversion
Sec. B. 504.1 Education – Flexible Pathways (5100210000) -		
Obligations and final FY24 costs and anticipated FY25 increases	1,774,408	-
Reverted	-	1,312,335
2023 Act 64 DOE-Universal Meals (5100892405) -		
Reverted	-	6,201,480
2023 Act 78 PCB Remediation (5100892408) -		
Carryover for PCB program	16,296,378	-

Questions?

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