

TO: Chair Peter Conlon
CC: House Education Committee
FROM: Adult Education & Literacy Network
DATE: January 21, 2025



The Adult Education & Literacy Network respectfully requests the General Assembly help to alleviate an urgent need for our students - letting them graduate and obtain their high school diploma - by adding the following notwithstanding language to the FY25 Budget Adjustment Act:

Notwithstanding Sec. E.504.2 and Sec. E.504.3 16 V.S.A. § 945, a high school may award a diploma to any student who was enrolled in the High School Completion Program prior to July 1, 2024 and has met the requirements of their individual graduation plan.

Please see our [memo here explaining the urgent need](#) for more complete information. You can also read our [FY25 BAA handout here](#) to further understand the additional appropriations for AEL included in the Governor's recommended budget adjustments.

Thank you