

§ 4011. EDUCATION PAYMENTS (a) Annually, the General Assembly shall appropriate funds to pay for statewide education spending and a portion of a base education amount for each adult education and secondary credential program student.

(f) Annually, ~~the Secretary shall pay to a local adult education and literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult education and secondary credential program~~ from funds appropriated for this subsection to the Agency in an amount equal to 26 percent of the base education amount for each student who completes the diagnostic portions of the an adult education and secondary credential program, based on an average of the previous two years; 40, the Secretary shall pay to 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 that shall be calculated pursuant to the funding formula contained in the State Board of Education adult education rules. Forty percent of the payment required under this subsection shall be from State funds appropriated from the Education Fund and 60 percent of the payment required under this subsection shall be from State funds appropriated from the General Fund.

#### Sec. E.504.3 ADULT EDUCATION; FUNDING; REPORT

(a) On or before December 1, 2025, the Agency of Education, in consultation with local adult education and literacy providers, shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Education with recommendations to modernize adult education funding to ensure funds are distributed equitably across all regions of the State.

(b) For fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Education shall negotiate in good faith to extend the existing contracts with local adult education and literacy providers for a term of one year. The Agency shall endeavor to maintain the terms of the existing contracts to the greatest extent possible.