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ABE State Grants One Step Closer to Senate Approval

On Thursday, July 14, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the recommendation of the Sub-Committee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies to level fund (\$570 million) state grants for adult basic education in fiscal 2006. This action mirrors the action taken by the House earlier in the month.

The Senate bill does not, however, include funding for Even Start, for which the House appropriated \$200 million. This difference will be subject to further negotiation later in the process.

The next step will be a Senate floor vote on the bill, anticipated for later in the summer. While it is still possible for an amendment to be introduced that would change the adult basic education appropriation, with every step in this process we are more confident that the appropriation will survive intact.