

Adult Education

The May Revision proposes a number of changes to the Adult Education block grant. The administration does not propose to increase the funding level of the block grant, keeping it at \$500 million. The administration proposes the following changes:

- Eliminate the allocation board within each consortium – instead each consortium would be required to create rules and processes regarding how it will make decisions based on state guidelines that require consortia to seek and respond to input on proposed decisions from interested stakeholders and to make policy decisions.
- Each consortium would develop a comprehensive plan for adult education in its region at least once every three years with annual updates.
- The Superintendent and State Chancellor will certify the MOE by July 30th and will determine the allocation of remaining block grant funds by October 30th.
- Starting in 2016, the Superintendent and Chancellor will provide preliminary allocations to consortia shortly following the release of each Governor's budget and final allocations along with estimates for the next two years shortly after each budget is enacted.
- Eliminate the need for a fiscal agent of each consortium.
- The Superintendent and Chancellor will, by January 31, 2016, develop and submit a plan to distribute Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title II and Perkins funding using the consortia structure in future years. School districts, county offices of education, and community college districts that receive other specified state funds or federal funds for adult education must be participating members of an adult education consortium.