Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force. The bill creates the "Adult Education and Literacy Act of 2014". Under this new act, the office within the department of education that is responsible for adult education (office) will administer the adult education and literacy grant program to provide state moneys to adult education and literacy programs that provide basic literacy and numeracy skills programs and that are members of workforce development partnerships that provide additional education to enable students to achieve a postsecondary credential and employment.

A local education provider, which includes public education providers, postsecondary institutions, and local, nonprofit workforce development providers, may apply for a grant by submitting an application to the office. At a minimum, the application must demonstrate that the local education provider is a member of a workforce development partnership that provides training leading to employment opportunities for students after they attain basic skills. The application must also specify the measurable goals that the local education provider expects to achieve with the grant moneys. The state board of education (state board) will adopt rules to establish the requirements for the grant program.

The office will review each application and recommend grant recipients to the state board. Based on the office's recommendations, the state board will award grants. The office must annually evaluate the effectiveness of the programs that receive grants and prepare a report concerning the grant program for the governor, the state board, and the general assembly. The report must include an analysis of student outcomes and of the continuing unmet need for adult education in the state.

The office must periodically convene meetings of representatives from the state agencies and institutions and community-based programs that are involved with adult education and workforce development. The meetings are intended to increase communication and collaboration among these entities.

The bill creates the adult education and literacy grant fund, to consist of any gifts, grants, or donations the department of education may receive for adult education and literacy and any state moneys the general assembly may appropriate to the fund. The department is authorized to use a percentage of the moneys appropriated from the fund to offset the costs of administering the grants, evaluating the grant recipients and preparing the report, and convening the adult education and workforce development agencies and programs. The department is not required to implement any portion of the bill if the general assembly does not appropriate sufficient state moneys to offset the implementation costs.

The bill repeals the family literacy education grant program, effective July 1, 2014.