SUMMARY OF SENATE LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL

The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved its FY 2016 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill. It has been introduced as S.1695 with Senate Committee Report 114-74.

Overall, the bill cuts discretionary funding for the Department of Education (ED) by $1.36 billion or 2.0%. Discretionary funding for ED would be below the FY 2011 level. Overall discretionary funding, excluding Pell grants, is also cut by $1.36 billion (-2.8%). This total would be below the FY 2004 level, moving funding backwards by 12 years, prior to accounting for inflation or enrollment growth!
The bill eliminates 16 programs:
(all numbers below in thousands)
1. Striving readers = \$-160,000 (also eliminated in the House bill)
2. Title I Evaluation = \$-710 (also eliminated in the House bill)
3. Preschool development grants = \$-250,000 (also eliminated in the House bill)
4. Carol M. White Physical Education Program = \$-47,000 (also eliminated in the House bill)
5. Investing in Innovation = \$-120,000 (also eliminated in the House bill)
6. Transition to teaching = \$-13,700 (also eliminated in the House bill)
7. School leadership = \$-16,368 (also eliminated in the House bill)
8. Full Service Community Schools = \$-10,000 (also eliminated in the House bill)
9. Non-Cognitive Initiative = \$-2,000 (also eliminated in the House bill)
10. Education Facilities Clearinghouse = \$-994 (also eliminated in the House bill)
11. Vocational Rehabilitation Demonstration and Training programs = \$-5,796
12. Vocational Rehabilitation Supported Employment State grants = \$-27,548
13. First in the World = \$-60,000 (also eliminated in the House bill)
14. Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success = \$-4,950 (also eliminated in the House bill)
15. National Center for students with disabilities = \$-2,475 (also eliminated in the House bill)
16. Child care access means parents in school = \$-15,134

It CUTS:
1. School Improvement State grants by \$56 million
2. Title I Migrant by $9.8 million
3. Title I Neglected and Delinquent by $1.6 million
4. High School Equivalency Program/College Assistant Migrant Program by $2.5 million
5. Teacher quality State grants by $103 million
6. Mathematics and science partnerships by $11.4 million
7. 21st century community learning centers $117 million
8. State Assessments by $28 million
9. Comprehensive Centers by $8.4 million
10. Safe and drug-free schools and communities national programs by $10 million
11. Elementary and secondary school counseling by $26 million
12. Promise Neighborhoods by $20 million
13. Teacher incentive fund grants by $5 million
14. Teacher quality partnership (HEA) by $6.6 million
15. Magnet schools assistance by $6.6 million
16. Advanced placement by $5.6 million
17. English Language Acquisition by $25 million
18. IDEA State Personnel Development by $6.6 million
19. IDEA Personnel Preparation by $2 million
20. IDEA Parent Information Centers by $0.9 million
21. IDEA Technology and Media Services by $1 million
22. Vocational Rehabilitation Client Assistance State grants by $1 million
23. Vocational Rehabilitation Training by $6.2 million
24. CTE national programs by $3 million
25. Adult basic and literacy education State grants by $29 million
26. Adult Education national leadership by $6 million
27. Federal Supplemental educational opportunity grants by $29 million
28. Federal Work Study by $40 million
29. Student Aid Administration by $35 million
30. Strengthening institutions by $2.4 million
31. Strengthening tribally controlled colleges and universities by $0.8 million
32. Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions by $0.4 million
33. Strengthening HBCUs by $6.8 million
34. Strengthening historically Black graduate institutions by $1.8 million
35. Strengthening predominately Black institutions by $0.3 million
36. Strengthening Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institutions by $93,000
37. Strengthening Native American-serving nontribal institutions by $93,000
38. Developing Hispanic-serving institutions by $3 million
39. Promoting post baccalaureate opportunities for Hispanic Americans by $0.3 million
40. International education and foreign language studies total by $25 million
41. Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities by $1.4 million
42. Graduate assistance in areas of national need by $9.3 million
43. Howard University by $2.3 million
44. Research, development, and dissemination by $2 million
45. **Statistics** by $1 million
46. **Research in special education** by $6 million
47. **Statewide data systems** by $$1 million
48. **Special education studies and evaluations** by $0.3 million

**It INCREASES:**
1. **Title I grants to LEAs** by $150 million
2. **Javits Gifted and Talented** by $1 million
3. **Presidential and Congressional Teaching Academies** by $1.8 million
4. **Charter schools grants** by $20 million
5. **IDEA State grants** by $100 million
6. **IDEA Preschool Grants** by $10 million
7. **IDEA Grants for Infants and Families** by $15 million
8. **IDEA Technical assistance and dissemination** by $7.6 million (includes $9.5 million for Special Olympics Education programs, an increase of $1.9 million)
9. **National Technical Institute for the Deaf** by $2 million
10. **Head Start** in HHS by $100 million for Early Head Start
11. **Child Care Development Block grant (CCDBG)** in HHS by $150 million

**It FREEZES:**
1. Impact Aid (all components)
2. Education for homeless children and youths
3. Training and Advisory Services
4. Education for Native Hawaiians
5. Alaska Native Education Equity
6. Rural education
7. Supplemental education grants (K12)
8. Ready-to-learn television
9. Literacy initiative
10. Arts in Education
11. Indian Education
12. Vocational Rehabilitation Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights
13. Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Older Blind Individuals
14. Helen Keller National Center for Deaf/Blind Youth and Adults
15. American Printing House for the Blind
16. Gallaudet University
17. Career and technical education State grants
18. Pell grant discretionary funding (though it rescinds $300 million in FY 2015 funds)
19. Minority Science and Engineering Improvement
20. Tribally controlled postsecondary career and technical institutions
21. Federal TRIO programs
22. Gaining early awareness and readiness for undergraduate programs (GEAR UP)
23. College Housing And Academic Facilities Loans
24. Historically Black College And University Capital Financing Program
25. National assessment (NAEP)
26. NAGB
27. Institute of Museum and Library Services
FUNDING CHANGES BY ACCOUNT (IN THOUSANDS):

- EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED = $-80,305
- IMPACT AID = $0
- SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS = $-267,925
- INDIAN EDUCATION = $0
- INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT = $-407,495
- SAFE SCHOOLS AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION = $-103,001
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION = $-25,379
- SPECIAL EDUCATION = +$114,459

Subtotal above K12 accounts = $-769,646

- REHABILITATION SERVICES AND DISABILITY RESEARCH = $-221,989
  (NOTES: $238,153 is from programs that were transferred from ED to HHS by WIOA. Includes a mandatory increase of $56,696 for vocational rehabilitation State grants)
- AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND = +$0
- NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF = +$2,000
- GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY = +$0
- CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND ADULT EDUCATION = $-37,955
- STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE = $-68,858
  (In addition, $300 million is rescinded from FY 2015 Pell grant funds)
- STUDENT AID ADMINISTRATION = $-35,224
- HIGHER EDUCATION = $-141,329
- HOWARD UNIVERSITY = $-2,321
- COLLEGE HOUSING AND ACADEMIC FACILITIES LOANS PROGRAM = $0
- HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM ACCOUNT = $0
- INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES = $-10,957
- PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION = $-19,674
• OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS = $0
• OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL = $0

TOTAL = -$1,305,953
With Pell Rescission = -$1,605,953

Policy riders for education:

Department of Education
• HBCU/HSI/MSI Endowment Funds - An institution of higher education that maintains an endowment fund supported with funds appropriated for title III or V of the HEA for fiscal year 2016 may use the income from that fund to award scholarships to students, subject to the limitation in section 331(c)(3)(B)(i) of the HEA. The use of such income for such purposes, prior to the enactment of this Act, shall be considered to have been an allowable use of that income, subject to that limitation.

• Until one or more programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 are reauthorized for at least two fiscal years, the bill prohibits funds from being used to implement or enforce the following:
  o Gainful Employment—the gainful employment regulation.
  o Credit Hour—a program integrity regulation defining “credit hour” that is used when awarding student financial aid.
  o State Authorization—a program integrity regulation requiring colleges to be authorized all States in which they deliver distance education programs.
  o College Ratings System—the college ratings system, which the Department just announced it will not proceed with.
  o Teacher Preparation—a proposed regulation related to teacher preparation programs. A final rule is expected this summer. The proposed rule would require States to use school district surveys, employment data and student test results to rate teacher preparation programs.

• State K12 standards/assessments – Prevents any funds from being used to mandate or incentivize States, LEAs, or schools to adopt any specific set of standards or assessments.

• Career Pathways Programs - modifies the changes made in division G of Public Law 113-235 concerning career pathways programs.