



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FY 2008 OMNIBUS SUMMARY: LABOR, HEALTH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Bill Total

2007 Enacted:	\$144.5 billion
President's Request:	\$140.9 billion
Omnibus:	\$144.8 billion – Base Bill
	\$307 million – Emergency Funds: LIHEAP & World Trade Center Health

KEY INVESTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: \$59.2 billion, rejecting the President's \$1.2 billion cut and \$1.7 billion above 2007.

K-12 Education Deficit

No Child Left Behind (NCLB): \$24.6 billion, \$941 million above 2007 and \$74 million below the President's request.

- **Title I:** \$14.4 billion, \$1.4 billion above 2007 and \$20 million below the President's request, to help 276,000 more disadvantaged kids with math and reading instruction than last year.
- **Teacher Quality State Grants:** \$2.9 billion, \$148 million more than the request and \$48 million above 2007.
- **Special Education – IDEA Part B Grants:** \$10.9 billion, rejecting the President's \$291 million cut and \$456 million over the request, and \$165 million above 2007, reversing a two-year decline in the Federal contribution to help states and localities to educate 6.9 million children with disabilities
- **After School Programs:** \$1.1 billion, \$100 million above the President's request and 2007, providing after-school academic and enrichment services to an additional 130,000 kids following six straight years of cuts or freezes to these programs.

Childcare and Early Childhood Deficits

- **Child Care:** \$2.1 billion, matching 2007 and the President's request, for the Child Care Block Grant to provide quality child care to vulnerable families.
- **Head Start:** \$6.9 billion, \$89 million over the request, to help sustain high quality preschool services for children currently enrolled in Head Start.

Higher Education Deficits

- **Pell Grants:** \$14.2 billion, rejecting \$801 million of the President's cut and providing \$554 million above 2007, increasing the average Pell Grant to \$4,731 when combined with mandatory funds provided in the College Cost Reduction Act, compared to \$4,310 in 2007. Between 2001 and 2006, the cost of attending a four-year public college increased by \$3,764 while the maximum Pell Grant increased by just \$300.
- **Other Student Aid:** Rejects the President's plan to eliminate other student financial aid programs (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Perkins Loans and LEAP) by restoring nearly \$900 million, preserving assistance for roughly one million students.

Vocational Education: \$1.2 billion, rejecting \$575 million (49%) in cuts the President would have made to federal support for technical training at high schools and community colleges.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: \$65.6 billion, rejecting the President's \$859 million cut and \$1.5 billion above 2007.

Medical Research Deficit

National Institutes of Health (NIH): \$29.2 billion, \$329 million above 2007, to study diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer and heart disease. The President's budget would have cut NIH by more than \$480 million, reducing the number of grants by more than 800 next year. Also includes nearly \$300 million for the Global AIDS Fund.

Health Care Deficit

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): \$6.9 billion, \$466 million above 2007 and rejecting the President's \$595 million cut to one of the largest federal agencies responsible for improving healthcare access.

Three Healthcare Initiatives: The 2007 Joint Resolution expanded access to health care for 1.2 million people by adding \$207 million for community health centers. This bill adds to that initiative with:

- **Community Health Centers:** \$2.1 billion, \$77 million above 2007 and the President's request, to provide access to medical and dental services for an additional 280,000 uninsured people.
- **High Risk Insurance Pools:** \$49 million to support affordable insurance for almost 200,000 people who are medically high risk and are not able to obtain health insurance in the commercial market.
- **Health Insurance Counseling:** \$39 million, \$5 million above 2007 and the President's request, to help the 45 million Medicare beneficiaries understand and utilize their benefits.

Rural Health: \$287 million, rejecting \$142 million in cuts proposed by the President and providing \$5 million above 2007, for grants to help more than 1,200 small, rural hospitals create health care networks for more than 775,000 rural residents in underserved communities, provide access to emergency defibrillation devices, and support rural health research centers and state rural health offices.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): \$6.4 billion, \$173 million above 2007 and rejecting the President's \$220 million cut to primary public health activities.

- **Child Immunizations:** \$468 million, \$15 million above 2007, to vaccinate an additional 35,000 kids.
- **World Trade Center:** \$108 million, \$83 million above the President's request, for health monitoring and treatment needs for emergency responders, residents and workers exposed to toxins at or around the World Trade Center disaster site. The bill requests that the Administration prepare a plan for a comprehensive program for health screenings, analysis, and medical treatment of exposed individuals.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): \$3.4 billion, rejecting the President's \$159 million cut and providing \$29.7 million above 2007.

Community Services Block Grant: \$654 million, \$23 million above 2007 and rejecting the President's plan to terminate the program, to help states provide critical services, such as housing, home weatherization, parenting education, adult literacy classes, and emergency food assistance.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance: \$2.6 billion, \$409 million above 2007 and rejecting the President's \$379 million cut, to help two million more low-income families and seniors than the President to cope with an anticipated colder winter and a 28 percent increase in home energy prices compared to last year.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR: \$11.7 billion, rejecting the President's \$722 million cut but only \$7 million above 2007, making strategic investments in workforce development programs.

Job Training Deficit

- **Title V Senior Employment:** \$522 million, \$38 million above 2007, rejecting the President's proposal to cut the program by \$134 million, eliminating 44,000 low-income seniors from the program.
- **Training for Adult, Youth and Dislocated Workers:** \$3.3 billion, rejecting \$583 million the President would have cut from Workforce Investment Act job training and employment assistance programs. This cut would have eliminated services for 166,000 workers.

Social Security Administration (SSA): \$9.7 billion, \$451 million above 2007 and \$150 million above the President's request, to reduce the extraordinary amount of time it takes SSA to process disability benefits.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB): \$420 million in advanced appropriations for 2010, \$20 million above 2009 and rejecting the President's plan to eliminate funding for the program in 2010 and rescind \$50 million from CPB's 2008 budget, to support public broadcasting programming in 1,150 locally-owned television and radio stations across the country. Also rejects the President's plan to eliminate funding for digital conversion (providing \$29.2 million) and a project to replace the public radio satellite (\$26.3 million).

SIGNIFICANT CUTS

Reading First: \$393 million, \$636 million below 2007 and \$626 million below the President's request. The Department of Education documented, in a series of six audits, significant mismanagement of the program, potential violations of Federal law, and ongoing conflicts of interest, resulting in referrals to the Justice Department for criminal investigations.

Compare to the [House passed bill](#).