



2007 APPROPRIATIONS:
Shortchanging Education and Children AGAIN!

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LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL: PROGRAM CUTS, FUNDING REDUCTIONS AND BROKEN PROMISES

The 2007 Labor-HHS-Education appropriation bill provides \$56.2 billion for education, more than \$400 million less than last year, and a billion dollars less than FY05.

No Child Left Behind

No Child Left Behind is cut by nearly \$500 million compared to FY06 and \$1.5 billion compared to FY05. The bill falls \$16.4 billion short of the NCLB funding level promised for 2007, **creating a cumulative funding shortfall of \$56.7 billion since the law was enacted in 2002.** Republican cuts to these programs mean more children will be left behind, due to fewer highly-qualified teachers in the classroom, and less assistance with reading, math and science for low-income students.

No Child Left Behind Funding Shortfall

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007 LHHS bill
Authorization (in billions)	\$26.4	\$29.2	\$32.0	\$34.3	\$36.9	\$39.4
Appropriations (in billions)	\$22.2	\$23.8	\$24.5	\$24.5	\$23.5	\$23.0
NCLB shortfall	- \$4.2 billion	- \$5.4 billion	- \$7.5 billion	- \$9.8 billion	- \$13.4 billion	- \$16.4 billion

Teacher Quality State Grants are cut by \$300 million. These grants are used to help schools recruit, hire, and train highly qualified teachers to meet NCLB's teacher quality requirements and to reduce class sizes. As a result of these cuts, 73,500 fewer teachers will receive professional development. In real terms, these grants will have been cut by half a billion dollars since 2005.

Title I formula grants will be cut for two-thirds of all school districts next year. Title I provides intensive math and reading assistance to our most disadvantaged children. At a time when it is more important than ever to remain globally competitive, fully funding Title I is a critical investment in improving the math and reading skills of our lowest-performing students.

Education Technology Grants are eliminated. These important funds are needed to close the digital divide and improve academic achievement. This is a cut of \$272 million from FY06 and \$496 million since FY05.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools are cut by nearly \$40 million. Many communities use these grants to address the growing methamphetamine crisis. They are also used to ensure safe

learning environments and to keep students safe from terrorism. Safe and Drug-Free schools funds will have been cut by 33 percent since 2005.

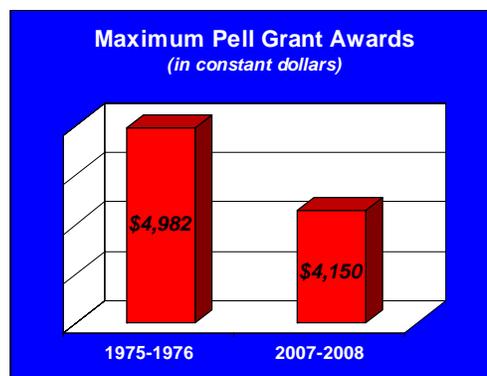
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Under the Republican-controlled Congress, the federal share of the cost of educating children with disabilities continues to decrease – from 18.6 percent in 2005 to 17.8 percent in 2006 to 17.0 percent in 2007 – breaking the promise made by Congress to pay 40 percent of the costs of educating 6.9 million students with disabilities. An **additional \$1 billion** would be needed to restore the federal share to its 2005 level.

Higher Education and Financial Aid for College

College tuition and student loan interest rates are skyrocketing, and the budget **leaves low- and middle-income students paying a greater share for college by failing to provide a meaningful increase to Pell Grants.** The proposed maximum Pell grant will only cover 30 percent of college costs; a sharp decline from 30 years ago, when students could count on Pell Grants to cover 72 percent of the cost of college.

Additionally, a maximum award of \$4,150 is almost \$1,000 *below* the President's campaign promise of a \$5,100 maximum award and is \$800 less than the maximum Pell in 1976, when adjusted for inflation.



Freezes Funds for Additional Programs

The Republican budget freezes funding for important programs that help children, youth and families:

Head Start – By freezing funds for Head Start, Republicans in Congress will force programs that help children reach kindergarten better prepared to succeed to choose between denying access to 19,000 children or compromising the quality of these services.

Child Care – The Child Care Development Block Grant would receive no new funding for the fifth consecutive year, cutting child care assistance to 400,000 children by 2011.

Impact Aid – Just as thousands of American military personnel are risking their lives serving abroad in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, the Republican bill is jeopardizing educational programs and services for children of military families back home.

Vocational and Adult Education State Grants – The Republican effort to freeze funds for these programs means fewer youth and adults will have access to important training and education opportunities that help improve literacy and workplace skills.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs – Serving young people who have been pushed out and tossed aside, these programs offer housing, counseling and referral services to young people who are most at risk. After cutting funds in FY06, the Republican bill freezes funding in FY07.

Program Terminations

In addition to ending the successful Education Technology program, the Republican bill would terminate a number of other education programs, including:

- American History and Civics Education
- Arts in Education
- Dropout Prevention
- Excellence in Economic Education/financial literacy
- Mental Health Integration in Schools
- Parent Information and Resource Centers
- Ready to Learn
- Star Schools
- Women's Educational Equity