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Appropriations Subcommittee Reports FY 2007 Labor, HHS, Education Spending Bill

Washington, D.C. – The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee today approved their spending bill for fiscal year 2007. The \$605.6 billion spending bill includes \$142.8 billion in discretionary funding for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, as well as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Social Security Administration.

Bill Highlights:

FY 2006 Funding Level: \$141.531 billion

FY 2007 President's Request: \$137.794 billion

FY 2007 Committee Recommendation: \$142.800 billion

Labor Programs - \$11.6 billion

Dislocated Workers – The Senate bill recommends \$1.476 billion, \$4.2 million more than the FY 06 comparable level, and \$361.5 million over the Administration's request. States may use these funds for rapid response assistance to help workers affected by mass layoffs and plant closures.

Community College Initiative – The Senate bill includes \$125 million for the community college initiative, which is equal to the House-passed bill.

Job Training – The Senate bill contains \$5.089 billion for this nation's job training programs. The bill includes: \$800.0 million for adult job training, \$80.6 million for the migrant and seasonal farm worker program, \$935.5 million for youth training, and \$60.0 million for ex-offender programs.

Job Corps – The Senate bill increases Job Corps by \$37.0 million for a total of \$1.629 billion.

Child Labor – The Senate bill includes \$72.5 million for the International Labor Affairs Bureau.

Worker Protection Programs – The bill includes \$300.4 million for mine safety, \$491.1 million for OSHA, \$249.7 million for the National Labor Relations Board, \$435.3 million for employment standards, and \$143.5 million for employee benefits security, for a total increase of \$76.3 million over last year.

HHS Programs - \$64.181 billion

Community Health Centers – \$1.926 billion, which is \$145 million over last year. These centers provide critical health care services to underserved and uninsured people throughout America.

Pediatric Graduate Medical Education – \$200 million, an increase of \$101 million over the President's request.

Health Professions – The bill includes \$304 million for Health Professions programs, and increase of \$9 million over the President’s request.

National Institutes of Health – The Senate bill includes \$28.5 billion, an increase of \$220 million over the FY 06 appropriation and \$200 million over the President’s budget request.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Buildings and Facilities – The Senate bill includes \$100 million, an increase of \$70 million over the budget request.

Pandemic Preparedness at the CDC – The bill includes \$119 million for recurring costs related to pandemic preparedness at the CDC.

Global AIDS – The bill includes \$100 million for the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS/TB. In addition, \$121 million is included in CDC for global HIV/AIDS/TB activities.

Family Planning – \$283 million, the same amount as the President’s budget.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP) – The Senate bill includes \$2.161 billion for LIHEAP, \$379 million more than the budget request. Of the funds provided \$181 million was included for the contingency emergency fund.

Domestic HIV/AIDS Programs at the CDC – The Committee has provided \$675.9 million for HIV/AIDS testing, counseling, and prevention at the CDC, an increase of \$28.2 million.

Ryan White AIDS Programs – \$2.139 billion for the Ryan White AIDS programs, \$78 million more than last year’s budget, including \$55 million additional for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP).

Family Caregivers – The Senate bill includes \$156 million for family caregivers, an increase of \$2 million above the request.

Head Start – \$6.789 billion for Head Start, an increase of \$2.8 million above the request.

Community Services Block Grant – The Senate bill restores the \$630 million for the Community Services Block Grant that was proposed for elimination in the President’s budget.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services – The bill provides \$3.337 billion, an increase of \$77 million more than the budget request. SAMHSA is responsible for supporting mental health programs and alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment services throughout the country.

Health Information Technology – The bill provides \$113.2 million, an increase of \$2 million over the FY 06 level.

Embryo Adoption – The bill provides \$2 million for an embryo adoption awareness campaign.

Patient Navigator – The bill provides \$5 million to provide Patient Navigators to help patients navigate the health care system.

Education Programs - \$55.8 billion

Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) – \$12.713 billion which maintains the high level of commitment for a key program supporting the No Child Left Behind Act. Funding for Title I grants is up 45.1% since the Act was passed.

School Improvement Grants -- \$100 million for states to provide funds to struggling school districts so they can implement interventions proven effective in helping turn around low-performing schools.

Reading Programs – \$1.1 billion for programs that are designed to ensure all children are reading by the end of 3rd grade, and a \$35 million program to help teenagers struggling to read.

Teacher Quality State Grants – \$2.747 billion to support state and local efforts to ensure that “highly qualified” teachers are available to help all children succeed academically.

English Language Acquisition – \$669 million to help improve academic achievement of limited English proficient students and to develop the capacity of school districts to enable such students to learn English.

Competitiveness Initiative – The bill includes more than \$530 million for programs intended to promote American competitiveness globally. This includes \$195 million for Math and Science Partnerships, \$40 million for Advanced Placement Programs, \$272.250 million for Educational Technology State Grants, and \$26.2 million for Foreign Language Assistance programs.

Rural Education – \$168.9 million for additional assistance for rural school districts.

Special Education Grants to States – \$10.583 billion, the same as the FY 06 level.

Pell Grants – \$12.607 billion in funding, which supports a maximum grant of \$4,050, the same as last year. Pell grants provide need-based grant aid to help more than 5 million low- and middle-income undergraduate students and their families pay the costs of postsecondary education and vocational training.

TRIO –TRIO funding has been maintained at the FY 06 level of \$828.2 million.

The Senate bill also restores funding to some of the education programs eliminated in the President’s budget, including:

Perkins Career and Technical Education – \$1.296 billion to support local career and technical education programs.

GEAR UP – The bill provides \$303.4 million to support low-income elementary and secondary students as they prepare for and pursue a postsecondary education.

National Writing Project – The bill provides \$25.0 million, an increase of \$3.5 million over last year.

Arts in Education – The bill provides \$36.5 million, an increase of \$1.2 million over last year’s funding.

Civic Education – The bill provides \$29.1 million, which is the same as the FY 06 funding level.

Related Agencies:

Corporation for National and Community Service - \$876.5 million for national service programs, an increase of \$25 million above the budget request.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – \$400 million for public broadcasting in FY 09, in addition to \$29.7 million included for the conversion of public broadcasting to the digital format. Also included is \$36 million for the replacement project of the interconnection system.

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