

**FY2025 Labor-HHS-Education and Related Agencies Appropriations
Full Committee
Managers' Package**

Sponsor	Location	Purpose of Language
Bill language		
Britt	p. 62, p. 153, and p. 154	Modify an existing CDS project and add two new CDS projects
Graham	p. 153, p. 154, and p. 163	Modify an existing CDS project and add a new CDS project
Report language		
Merkley	p. 8	Add language regarding Safety Station Program Guidelines
Manchin	p. 24	Add language regarding stand-alone vision and dental plans
Boozman	p. 31	Add language regarding OSHA emergency response standard
Reed	p. 33-34	Modify language regarding nonprofit sector employment and wage data
Merkley	p. 47	Add language regarding State-based nurse training centers
Murkowski	p. 67	Modify language to include Alaska Native
Murkowski	p. 68	Modify language related to the importation of dogs
Hagerty	p. 140	Add language directing NIH to report on its user authentication protocols for foreign adversary entities to access sensitive health data
Rubio	p. 142	Add language requesting NIH submit a report on research conducted at any laboratory owned by foreign adversaries
Hagerty	p. 153	Add language directing NIH to submit a report on all NIH-funded research awards that involved persons from the People's Republic of China
Manchin	p. 175	Add language regarding health information technology and behavioral health
Hagerty	p. 181	Add language regarding the Comprehensive Kidney Care Contracting model

Manchin	p. 182	Modify language related to the EMS Treat-in-Place model
Hagerty	p. 182	Add language regarding patient assistance and out-of-pocket limits
Rubio	p. 184	Add language regarding Medicare summary notices
Kennedy	p. 184	Add language regarding non-pharmacologic treatments for pain
Rubio	p. 196	Add language regarding home studies
Murphy	p. 211	Add language regarding community-based organizations
Hagerty	p. 220	Add language directing BARDA to provide a report on partnerships
Hagerty	p. 228	Add language urging ASPR to prioritize domestic producers of essential medicines
Merkley	p. 233	Add language regarding the National Integrated Heat Health Information System
Murphy	p. 233	Add language regarding the National Parkinson's Project
Hagerty	p. 236	Add language regarding transparency for imaging technology
Durbin	p. 260	Modify language regarding EIR funds for school-based mentoring programs
Shaheen	p. 283	Modify language on the College Scorecard to direct that ED update the scorecard annually
Manchin	p. 284	Modify language on the student loan dashboard
Rubio	p. 300	New language on campus antisemitism
Rubio	p. 300	New language on college costs
Reed	p. 302	New language requesting a GAO report on school facilities
Britt	p. 352, p. 358, and p. 405	Modify an existing CDS project and add two new CDS projects
Graham	p. 402 and p. 406	Modify an existing CDS project and add a new CDS project

Modify CDS Projects for Senator Britt:

On page 62 of the bill, in line 6, strike "\$1,091,665,000" and insert "\$1,092,665,000".

On page 62 of the bill, in line 16, strike "\$870,077,000" and insert "\$871,077,000".

On page 153 of the bill, in line 19, reduce the amount by \$1,000,000.

On page 154 of the bill, in line 18, reduce the amount by \$1,000,000

Modify CDS Projects for Senator Graham:

On page 153 of the bill, in line 19, reduce the amount by \$500,000.

On page 154 of the bill, in line 18, reduce the amount by \$500,000.

On page 163 of the bill, in line 1, strike "\$115,961,000" and insert "\$116,461,000".

On page 8 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

The Committee is encouraged by the General Services Administration’s Bulletin FMR C–2024–01, “Safety Station Program Guidelines in Federal Facilities” that was issued on December 21, 2023. The Committee encourages all Departments covered in this act to implement these guidelines and establish safety stations in each public building that include automated external defibrillators, opioid reversal agents, and hemorrhagic control programs and requests a briefing from each Department within 90 days of enactment of this act on progress towards implementing these guidelines.

On page 24 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Vision and Dental Plans.—The Committee is concerned that stand-alone vision and dental insurance plans may be using ERISA preemption authorities to avoid certain State laws that protect consumers and providers from abusive practices. ERISA preemption authorities were not intended to preempt State laws to prevent market manipulation, including protections against price fixing and steering enrollees to plan-owned products and services. The Committee requests a briefing of any reported State law violations within 90 days of enactment.

On page 31 at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Emergency Response Standard.—The Committee is concerned with the proposed rule entitled “Emergency Response Standard” and its potential impact on volunteer fire and emergency service departments. The Committee understands this standard has not been updated in decades and some updates may be warranted. The Committee strongly encourages OSHA to conduct listening sessions or other stakeholder engagement to fully understand the impact on various emergency response and firefighter stakeholders, including whether or not it is economically feasible for volunteers to comply with the proposed regulation, prior to issuing any final rule.

On page 33-34 of the report under the heading, “Nonprofit Sector Employment and Wage Data”, strike the last sentence and insert the following:

The Committee directs BLS to develop cost-effective options to make this information available on a more frequent basis and report its progress to the Committee no later than 120 days after the enactment of this act.

On page 47 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Palliative Care Nursing Workforce”, insert the following:

State-Based Nursing Workforce Centers.—The Committee notes interest in State-based nursing workforce centers. Such centers can collect local workforce research data, conduct strategic nursing workforce planning and program development, support programs to decrease workplace violence against nurses, develop programs to increase the recruitment and retention of nurses, and coordinate nurse leadership development programs. The Committee encourages HRSA to work with Congress and stakeholders to examine ways to establish new or enhance existing State-based nursing workforce centers to advance training.

On page 67 of the report under the heading “*Tribal Tuberculosis*”, strike “/Native American” and insert “and Alaska Native”

On page 68, under *Importation of Dogs*, insert “including sporting events,” after “citizens who cross the border for work or other daily activities,”

On page 140 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Create and Implement a Comprehensive Research Agenda on Menopause,” insert the following:

Denying Foreign Access to Americans’ Sensitive Health Data.—The Committee is concerned that NIH does not have proper protocols to restrict the ability of foreign adversaries from accessing sensitive data within NIH databases. Therefore, the Committee directs the Director, within 30 days of enactment, to report on its processes to maintain, update, publish and implement user authentication protocols to restrict the ability for foreign adversary entities, as defined in 15 CFR section 7.4, to access the databases.

On page 142 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Food as Medicine”, insert the following:

Foreign Adversaries.—The Committee is concerned about funding for research at any laboratory owned or controlled by the governments of the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela under the regime of Nicola’s Maduro Moros, or any other country determined by the Secretary of State to be a foreign adversary. The Committee requests a report on any such research within 30 days of enactment.

On page 153 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Scientific Management Review Board,” insert the following:

Stopping Tax Dollars from Funding Chinese Military Research.—The Committee is concerned about research awards funded by NIH that are associated with Chinese defense entities. Therefore, the Committee directs NIH to submit a report to the Committee within 180 days of enactment and annually thereafter until September 30, 2026 on all NIH-funded research awards that involved persons from the People’s Republic of China [PRC].

On page 175 of the report, in the appropriate place, insert the following:

Health Information Technology.—The Committee understands that adoption of health information technology [health IT] among behavioral health providers currently lags behind that of other provider types and recognizes the benefits of advancing health IT in behavioral health care settings. The Committee supports the efforts of the Behavioral Health Information Technology Initiative to pilot the inclusion of behavioral health data elements in health IT within the SUPTRS and Mental Health block grants. The Committee encourages SAMHSA to explore providing States with flexibility within the block grant administrative cap to pursue the additional incorporation of health IT.

On page 181 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Cognitive Impairment”, insert the following:

Comprehensive Kidney Care.—The Committee urges CMS to reevaluate whether to apply the Retrospective Trend Adjustments [RTA] within the Comprehensive Kidney Care Contracting model for Performance Year 2022 and Performance Year 2023 for the End-Stage Renal Disease [ESRD] population for Medicare ESRD Beneficiaries, considering in particular the differences between the calculated RTA for Medicare ESRD Beneficiaries and the calculated RTA for Medicare Parts A and B Beneficiaries for each performance year.

On page 182 of the report, strike the section titled “EMS Treat-in-Place Model” and insert the following:

EMS Treat-in-Place Model.—The Committee is disappointed that CMS has not pursued a State-specific EMS demonstration project or Innovation Center model. Within 90 days of enactment of this act, the Committee requests a briefing on CMS’ assessment of the EMS Treat-in-Place Model, including differences from the previously tested Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) model.

On page 182 of the report, after the paragraph titled “EMS Treat-in-Place Model” insert the following:

Ensuring Patient Assistance Counts toward Out-of-Pocket Limits.—The Committee requests a briefing within 180 days of enactment of this act on CMS’ enforcement of the rule in the 2020 HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters requiring that cost sharing assistance paid by drug manufacturers on behalf of patients to reduce their out-of-pocket costs be counted toward the annual limitation on cost sharing.

On page 184 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Medicare Payment Systems Modernization [MPSM] Fund,” insert the following:

Medicare Summary Notices.—The Committee recognizes the significant impact of Medicare fraud to the healthcare system and beneficiaries, as well as the need to increase mechanisms to better detect and report fraud. Therefore, the Committee encourages CMS to evaluate options to increase the frequency of Medicare Summary Notices provided to beneficiaries, either by mail or virtually, and to perform “usability testing” to ensure that the agency is formatting its statements so all beneficiaries understand their medical expenses and can more easily detect and report improper payments. The Committee directs CMS to provide a briefing within 180 days of enactment on the cost estimate for implementation of any proposed changes.

On page 184 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Non-Addictive Opioid Alternatives”, insert the following:

Non-Pharmacologic Treatments for Pain.—Non-pharmacologic treatments for pain management have shown to be effective in reducing pain and reliance on prescription opioids. The Committee encourages CMS to consider ways to expand the use and coverage of non-pharmacologic treatments, such as osteopathic manipulative treatment and other alternative treatments as appropriate, for back and other pain.

On page 196 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Trusted Adult Relatives”, insert the following:

Unaccompanied Alien Children Home Studies.—The Committee is concerned about reports of unaccompanied children being placed with sponsors who have not been fully vetted, including an OIG report “Gaps in Sponsor Screening and Follow-up Raise Safety Concerns for Unaccompanied Children” that reviewed implementation of sponsor screening in March and April 2021, when ORR received a surge in referrals of unaccompanied children, that found HHS has not consistently conducted safety and background checks of sponsors. This puts unaccompanied children at risk, including trafficking and child labor exploitation. The Committee is also concerned by reports that over 2021 and 2022, ORR was not able to contact 85,000 children as part of safety and well-being calls. The Committee strongly encourages ORR to conduct a home study for every potential sponsor. The Committee directs ORR to brief the Committees of jurisdiction, within 30 days of the enactment of this act, on the timeline and steps it will take to meet the recommendations of the OIG report and to provide a report to the Committee within 90 days of enactment of this act on the feasibility of conducting an in-person home study for every potential sponsor and a full accounting of minors that ORR has not been able to contact as part of safety and well-being calls.

On page 211 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Congregate and Home-Delivered Nutrition Services”, insert the following:

Community-Based Organizations.—The Committee recognizes the important work of community-based organizations that provide home-delivered and congregate meals and act as a point of social connection for vulnerable older adults. The Committee encourages State units on aging and area agencies on aging to continue to work with experienced, community-based organizations, such as Meals on Wheels programs, when selecting local nutrition providers and distributing OAA funding.

On page 220 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Red Blood Cell Clinical Trial Program,” insert the following:

Securing BARDA’s Partnerships from Malign Actors.—The Committee directs BARDA to submit a report to the Committees within 180 days of enactment on all partnerships with entities that are based in the People’s Republic of China [PRC] or under the jurisdiction of the PRC government and their subsidiaries. The report shall include partnerships spanning the entire scope of BARDA’s work including the development of vaccines, drugs, therapies, and diagnostic tools for public health medical emergencies such as CBRN accidents, incidents and attacks; pandemic influenza [PI], and emerging infectious diseases [EID]. Additionally, the report shall include the type of agreement that BARDA has entered into with a PRC entity, the scope of the agreement, the length of the agreement, and what data or information has been or will be shared with the BARDA partner.

On page 228 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Industrial Base Manufacturing and Supply Chain,” insert the following:

Prioritizing Domestic Producers of Essential Medicines.—The Committee is concerned about drug shortages of essential medicines. Therefore, the Committee urges ASPR to utilize U.S. manufactures that are producing critical medicines, like the antibiotic amoxicillin, over non-U.S. producers.

On page 233 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Medically-Complex and Special Needs Adolescents Aging Out of the Pediatric Care System,” insert the following:

National Integrated Heat Health Information System.—The Committee is encouraged by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health’s participation in the interagency efforts to stand up the National Integrated Heat Health Information System. The Committee encourages continued collaboration between HHS and other Federal agencies to inform research products, services and related projects.

On page 233 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Medically-Complex and Special Needs Adolescents Aging Out of the Pediatric Care System,” insert the following:

National Parkinson's Project.—The Committee urges the Secretary to begin implementation of the National Parkinson's Project, as created by the Dr. Emmanuel Bilirakis and Honorable Jennifer Wexton National Plan to End Parkinson's Act (Public Law 118-66). Within 90 days of enactment of this act, the Department shall provide a report on the projected costs of full implementation of the act and describe steps the agency will take to implement the act until full funding is received.

On page 236 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Substance Use Disorder Treatment Outcomes,” insert the following:

Transparency for Imaging Technology.—Foreign adversaries are pursuing the collection and exploitation of Americans’ sensitive health data through medical equipment. Therefore, the Committee directs HHS to provide a report regarding the procurement of all medical imaging technology by HHS and its sub agencies from entities that are based in a territory of a foreign adversary, as defined in 15 CFR section 7.4, or under the jurisdiction of a foreign adversaries’ laws or regulations. “Medical imaging technology” refers to any device, software, or other technology intended for use in medical imaging, including but not limited to X-ray, MRI, CT, ultrasound, and other diagnostic or therapeutic imaging modalities.

On page 260 of the report, in the paragraph titled “Social and Emotional Learning,” strike “notes EIR funds could be used” and insert “strongly encourages EIR funds to be used”.

On page 283 of the report, strike the paragraph titled *College Scorecard* and insert:

College Scorecard.—The Committee recognizes the value of institution-level outcomes data, including graduation rates, student loan repayment rates, and post-college earnings data for higher education accountability and directs the Department to update the College Scorecard’s data annually. The Committee also encourages the Department to continue refining the existing measures on the College Scorecard and examining new measures to add to maximize transparency about postsecondary educational opportunities and outcomes for students.

On page 284 of the report, strike the paragraph titled “*Student Loan Dashboard*” and insert:

Student Loan Dashboard.—The Committee directs the Department to study the best way to create a government-wide student loan dashboard that provides prospective students and their families with comprehensive and easy to understand information about the availability of Federal student loans and Federal student loan repayment programs across the Federal Government, including eligibility requirements, application information, loan type, and repayment terms. In conducting this study, the Department shall examine how existing government-wide resources could be updated and shall consult with the relevant Federal agencies that administer Federal student loans and Federal student loan repayment programs, as the Department determines appropriate. The study shall also include a plan for how a government-wide student loan dashboard could be implemented within 180 days of completion of the study. The Department shall share this study with the Committees, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce within 1 year of enactment of this bill.

On page 300, before the paragraph titled “Campus Climate Surveys”, insert the following paragraph:

Campus Antisemitism.—The Committee is deeply concerned with reports of increased discrimination and harassment on college campuses, including incidences of antisemitic discrimination and harassment. The Committee encourages the Department to offer guidance to institutions of higher education for the development of campus policies to combat religiously-based discrimination, harassment, and other incidents. The Committee also encourages the Department to offer guidance to institutions of higher education to encourage the prompt reporting of instances in which a member of the University community violates the institution’s policies regarding discrimination and harassment, any disciplinary actions taken by the institution in response to such violations, and how the reporting of such violations and disciplinary actions is conducted in a manner that complies with all applicable privacy laws and policies.

On page 300, after the paragraph titled “Collaboration Between Airport Authorities and Educational Institutions” insert, the following paragraph:

College Costs.—The Committee is concerned by the increase in college costs over the past 20 years and how those increases have contributed to growing student loan debt. The Committee notes that the Department annually publishes the College Affordability and Transparency List as required by the HEA. The College Affordability and Transparency List provides valuable information for students and families on the most and least expensive IHEs by both published tuition and net price. The Committee directs the Department to ensure that this important resource is prominently displayed on the Department’s website, including on the College Scorecard website. The Committee also encourages the Department to note on the College Scorecard profile of any IHE, such IHE’s inclusion on the College Affordability and Transparency List, if applicable.

Insert on page 302 at the appropriate place:

GAO Report. —The Committee notes that the conditions identified in GAO’s 2020 report on school facilities remain a challenge for under-resourced LEAs, including small and rural LEAs, and high-need urban LEAs. The deteriorated conditions described in the GAO 2020 report, natural disasters, and extreme weather have put additional strains on school facilities, costing students valuable instructional time. The Committee directs GAO to conduct a study on the impact of the physical state of school facilities on instructional time, including the number of instructional days lost due to facility issues, and the barriers under-resources LEAs face in accessing Federal, State, local, and other resources to address facility challenges. The GAO study shall also examine effective practices to assist under-resourced LEAs in accessing Federal, State, local, and other resources to address facility challenges and State and local efforts to provide such assistance and support to under-resourced LEAs in meeting modern standards for health, safety, and educational suitability.

Modify CDS projects for Senator Britt:

On page 352 of the report at the appropriate place in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items” insert the following project: “Department of Health & Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration - Healthcare Authority of the City of Eufaula, AL, for equipment - \$500,000 – Britt.”

On page 358 of the report at the appropriate place in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items” insert the following project: “Department of Health & Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration - Monroe County Health Care Authority, d/b/a Monroe County Hospital, AL, for equipment - \$500,000 - Britt, Tuberville.”

On page 405 of the report at the appropriate place in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items” strike “\$6,746,000” and insert “\$5,746,000” for the project entitled “Alabama Community College System, AL, for the purchase of equipment”.

Modify CDS projects for Senator Graham:

On page 402 of the report at the appropriate place in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items” insert the following project: “Department of Education – Innovation and Improvement – South Carolina Department of Education, SC, for Liberty STEAM Charter School to support the expansion of an additional grade – \$500,000 – Graham”.

On page 406 of the report, strike “\$2,000,000”, and insert “\$1,500,000” for the project entitled “Charleston Southern University, SC, to support aeronautics education, including for the purchase of equipment”.