

FISCAL YEAR 2012 LABOR, HHS, & EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS A SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON

The Senate Appropriations Committee has passed a Fiscal Year 2012 Labor, HHS, Ed funding bill, while the House has released a draft bill. This factsheet presents a side-by-side comparison of the bills and the programs that are funded significantly different by each bill. Assessing both bills for the total amount of funding for children, overall, **the Senate bill provides \$295 million more in funding for kids** than the House bill. Though both bills provide a nominal increase from fiscal year 2011 levels, after adjusting for inflation, **the Senate bill is actually a \$586 million or 1% cut and the House bill is a \$876 million or 1.5% cut.**

TOTAL LABOR-HHS-ED FUNDING FOR KIDS*

	FY11	FY12 Senate	FY12 vs FY11	FY12 House	FY12 vs FY11	Senate vs House
Education	\$38.52 billion	\$38.55 billion	↑ \$35 million	\$38.33 billion	↓ \$189 million	\$224 million
-The Senate bill provides \$224 million more for kids in education than the House bill.						
Health Care	\$4.13 billion	\$4.17 billion	↑ \$45 million	\$4.10 billion	↓ \$28 million	\$74 million
-The Senate bill provides \$74 million more for kid's health than the House bill.						
Early Learning	\$10.61 billion	\$10.96 billion	↑ \$345 million	\$11.15 billion	↑ \$540 million	\$195 million
-The House bill provides \$195 million more for early learning than the Senate bill.						
Training	\$1.79 billion	\$1.79 billion	\$0	\$1.61 billion	↓ \$182 million	\$182 million
-The Senate bill provides \$182 million more for training than the House bill.						
Child Welfare	\$829 million	\$831 million	↑ \$35 million	\$821 million	↓ \$9 million	\$10 million
-The Senate bill provides \$10 million more for child welfare than the House bill.						
Total	\$55.88 billion	\$56.3 billion	↑ \$460 million	\$56.01 billion	↑ \$132 million	\$295 million

*Not all programs exclusively support children. For purposes of summing, we use a percentage of this funding corresponding to the share allocated to children as described in *Children's Budget 2011*.

Senate Increases vs. House

	FY 12 Senate	FY 12 House	Difference
EDUCATION:			
Corporation for National and Community Service	\$1.09 billion	\$280 million	\$813 million
Race to the Top	\$698 million	\$0	\$698 million
School Improvement Grants	\$535 million	\$0	\$535 million
Striving Readers	\$183 million	\$0	\$183 million
Mathematics and Science Partnerships	\$175 million	\$0	\$175 million
Investing in Innovation	\$150 million	\$0	\$150 million
Carol M. White Physical Education for Progress Program	\$79 million	\$0	\$79 million
Fund for the Improvement of Education	\$71 million	\$0	\$71 million
Promise Neighborhoods	\$60 million	\$0	\$60 million
Elementary and Secondary School Counseling	\$52 million	\$0	\$53 million
High School Graduation Initiative	\$49 million	\$0	\$49 million
Teaching of Traditional American History	\$46 million	\$0	\$46 million
Advanced Placement	\$43 million	\$0	\$43 million
Comprehensive Centers	\$51 million	\$8 million	\$43 million
School Leadership	\$29 million	\$0	\$29 million
Ready to Learn Television	\$27 million	\$0	\$27 million
State Grants for Improving Teacher Quality	\$2.47 billion	\$2.44 billion	\$25 million

	FY 12 Senate	FY 12 House	Difference
HEALTH:			
Community Health Centers (ACA)	\$1.2 billion	\$0	\$1.2 billion
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Discretionary Grants	\$105 million	\$40 million	\$65 million

TRAINING:			
Workforce Investment Act Youth Training Programs	\$826 million	\$414 million	\$412 million
YouthBuild	\$80 million	\$40 million	\$40 million

	FY 12 Senate	FY 12 House	Difference
EDUCATION:			
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA-B)	\$11.5 billion	\$12.7 billion	\$1.2 billion
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	\$14.5 billion	\$15.5 billion	\$1 billion
Teacher Incentive Fund Grants	\$300 million	\$399 million	\$99 million
Impact Aid	\$1.27 billion	\$1.31 billion	\$35 million
Voluntary Public School Choice	\$0	\$26 million	\$26 million
Rural Education	\$175 million	\$200 million	\$25 million

HEALTH:			
Community Health Centers	\$1.58 billion	\$2.58 million	\$1 billion
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development	\$1.30 billion	\$1.35 billion	\$50 million
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant	\$606 million	\$654 million	\$48 million

EARLY LEARNING:			
Head Start	\$7.9 billion	\$8.1 billion	\$200 million

Overall, funding for children represents a small piece of the federal government, even though children make up a quarter of our population and are some of our most vulnerable. In 2011, **spending on children fell to 8.4% of total federal spending**, including funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). **This is down from a high of 9.2% in 2010.** With the decline in ARRA funding and states across the nation fiscally strained, now is not the time for the federal government to reduce its investment in our children.

As the nation confronts unprecedented levels of child poverty, we call on members of the Senate and the House to fully and appropriately fund the programs children rely on!