Summary of FY 2012 Appropriations and Applicable Report Language for Labor, Health and Humans Services, Education, and Related Agencies

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OVERVIEW

On December 17, 2011, President Obama signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012, which includes the Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. According to the summary of the bill prepared by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the omnibus appropriations bill cuts overall funding for Labor, HHS and Education by more than \$1.4 billion below last year's levels. The bill eliminates 19 programs totaling more than \$219 million and makes significant reductions for dozens more, after 46 programs totaling \$1.3 billion were eliminated last year. In addition to outlining HHS funding, we have also included in the memo pertinent numbers for programs that affect individuals with disabilities within the Department of Labor and Education.

The bill also applies an across the board rescission (cut) of <u>0.189 percent</u> for all Labor/HHS/Education and Related agency programs. The appropriation levels listed below do not incorporate the cut. In addition to highlighting the FY 2012 appropriation levels included in the bill, this memorandum highlights applicable conference report language specifying congressional intent. The conference report directs the Departments and agencies to follow the language and instructions within the Senate Report 112-84 accompanying the bill, S. 1599, unless specifically addressed in the conference report.

Applicable statements of congressional intent specifically included in the conference report are highlighted below.

(Please note that all appropriation numbers in this memo are in thousands, except where billion or million is indicated.)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FY2012	\$69.7 billion (not including Medicare and
Medicaid)	
Difference from FY2011	-\$700 million

	FY2011	Conference	Difference
Bureau of Health Professions (BHP)	\$793,116	\$734,402	-\$58,714
Health Professions, Training for Diversity			
Centers for Excellence	\$24,452	\$22,952	-\$1,500

Health Careers Opportunity Program	\$21,998	\$15,000	-\$6,998
Faculty Loan Repayment	\$1,258	\$1,258	
Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students	\$49,042	\$47,542	-\$1,500

See Senate Committee Report for Centers for Excellence and Health Careers Opportunity Program.

	FY2011	Conference	Difference
Maternal and Child Health Bureau	\$873,192	\$863,607	-\$9,585
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant	\$656,319	\$646,319	-\$10,000
Traumatic Brain Injury	\$9,878	\$9,878	
Autism and Other Developmental Disorders	\$47,708	\$47,708	

Conference Report:

Within the funding provided for the Autism and Other related Developmental Disorders program, the conference agreement directs HRSA to fund the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program at no less than FY2011 levels.

	FY2011	Conference	Difference
Healthcare Systems Bureau	\$86,526	\$83,526	-\$3,000
Organ Transplantation	\$24,896	\$24,896	
	FY2011	Conference	Difference
Center for Disease Control and Prevention		\$6.1 billion	+\$38 million
Disease Control, Research and Training			
Chronic Disease Prevention and Health	\$813,987	\$760,700	-\$53,287
Promotion			
Birth Defects and Developmental Disability	\$136,072	\$138,072	+\$2,000
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Conference Report:

The consolidation proposed in the FY2012 budget for disability initiatives in the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCDDD) was rejected and it is directed that any new consolidation put forward be accompanied by an assessment of the needs of the people with disabilities that includes the categories of the disabilities currently served, validates the value of such a consolidation, considers the input of stakeholders, and establishes the basis for any proposed efficiencies and commonalities. The \$138,072,000 allotted for birth defects and developmental diseases includes: \$56,920,000 for Health and Development for People with Disabilities.

See Senate Committee Report for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, and Injury Prevention Control.

	FY2011	Conference	Difference
National Institutes of Health		\$30.7 billion	+\$299 million
National Institute of Child Health and Human	\$1,317,854	\$1,323,900	+\$6,046
Development			

The conference agreement also includes language to eliminate the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) and create the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS).

The NIH will also consider another proposed restructuring, one that would involve consolidating NIDA, NIAAA and components of other Institutes and Centers (ICs) into a new Institute devoted to research on substance use, abuse and addiction. NIH plans, however, to adopt a more deliberate approach in evaluating the need for this Institute than what occurred with the formation of NCATS.

The Committee recognizes the need to continue to build a sustainable infrastructure and capacity of emerging scientists in rehabilitation research. The Committee encourages the use of career development awards for emerging scientists, such as physical therapists, to meet this need.

For language on Prosthetic Research and Rehabilitation Research and Pain Research, see *Senate Committee Report*.

	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>Conference</u>	Difference
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	\$3,511,081	\$3,483,980	-\$27,101
Mental Health Block Grant	\$398,276	\$276,278	-\$61,998
Children's Mental Health	\$117,803	\$117,803	

Conference Report:

The conference agreement includes bill language that divides SAMHSA into several accounts to improve transparency and accountability. The conferees direct that future budget requests, to include the fiscal year 2013 budget request, reflect this new structure.

SAMHSA is directed to fund the remaining cohort of Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant grantees at amounts not less than what they received in fiscal year 2011.

The Committee recognizes the important role that SAMHSA plays relative to many Americans with disabilities. Emerging research indicates that persons with severe mental illness experience additional conditions that impact their ability to function within the community. These co-occurring or other functional disorders can include substance use disorder, hidden traumatic brain injury, chronic medical conditions, or other conditions. The Committee urges SAMHSA to continue making a substantial commitment to the development of new interventions and services for individuals with mental health conditions who have co-occurring or multiple disabilities.

	FY2011	Conference	Difference
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality			
Healthcare Research and Quality			
Research on Health Costs, Quality, and	\$265,653	\$247,768	-\$17,885
Outcomes			
Comparative Effectiveness Research	\$21,000	\$16,600	-\$4,400
Payments to the States for the Child Care and			
Development Block Grant			
Child Care and Development Block Grant	\$2,222,627	2,282,627	+\$60,000
Social Services Block Grant (Title XX)	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	
Children and Families Services Programs			
Developmental Disabilities Programs	\$186,232	\$163,366	-\$17,931
State Councils	\$74,916	\$74,916	
Protection and Advocacy	\$40,942	\$40,942	
Voting Access for Individuals w/ Disabilities	\$17,375	\$5,245	-\$12,130
Developmental Disabilities Projects of	\$14,134	\$8,333	-\$5,801
National Significance			
University Centers for Excellence in	\$38,865	\$38,865	
Developmental Disabilities			
Community Services Block Grant Act programs	\$701,594	\$713,630	+12,036

Within the total for the Crosscutting Activities Related to Quality, Effectiveness and Efficiency Research portfolio, the conferees provide \$43,364,000 for investigator-initiated research.

See the Senate Committee Report for language concerning Rehabilitation research, Developmental Disabilities program, State Councils, Protection and Advocacy, Projects of National Significance, Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities, and University Centers for Excellence.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

FY2012.......\$71.3 billion Difference from FY2011......-\$153 million

	FY2011	Conference	Difference
Special Education			· -
Grants to States Part B	\$11,482,200	\$11,582,200	+\$100,000
Preschoool Grants	\$373,351	\$373,351	
Grants for Infants and Families	\$438,578	\$443,548	+\$5,000
Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research			
Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants	\$3,084,696	\$3,121,712	+\$37,016
Client Assistance State Program	\$12,263	\$12,263	
Training	\$35,582	\$35,582	
Demonstration and Training Programs	\$6,459	\$5,335	-\$1,124
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers	\$1,856	\$1,264	-\$592

Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights	\$18,065	\$18,065	
Supported Employment State grants	\$29,123	\$29,123	
Independent Living	\$137,591	\$137,591	
Independent Living grants			
State Grants	\$23,403	\$23,403	
Centers	\$80,105	\$80,105	
Services for Older Blind Individuals	\$34,083	\$34,083	
National Inst. Disability and Rehab. Research	\$109,023	\$109,023	
(NIDRR)			
Assistive Technology	\$30,898	\$32,898	+\$2,000

The conference agreement includes language allowing the Secretary to use amounts that remain available after reallotment of State vocational rehabilitation funds for activities to improve the outcomes of children receiving SSI benefits and their families, allows States to make subgrants of such funds to other public and private, non-profit entities and extends availability of these funds to September 30, 2013. The conference agreement provides \$2,000,000 for competitive grants to support alternative financing programs that provide for the purchase of assistive technology devices.

Language concerning Vocational Rehabilitation State grants and NIDRR can be found in the Senate Committee Report.

	FY2011	Conference	Difference
<u>Title IV – Related Agencies</u>			
Committeee for Purchase from People Who are	\$5,385	\$5,385	
Blind or Severely Disabled			
National Council on Disability	\$3,264	\$3,264	

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

FY2012	\$14.5 billion
Difference from FY2011	+\$145.4 million

	FY2011	Conference	Difference
Training and Employment Services Grants to States Adult Training	\$2,785,018	\$2,605,268 \$770,922	-\$179,750
	\$770,922		
Youth Training	\$825,914	\$825,914	
Federally Administered Programs			
Workforce Innovation Fund	\$124,750	\$50,000	-\$74,750

The conference agreement includes \$3,195,383,000 for Training and Employment Services (TES), with \$1,423,383,000 available July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The remaining \$1,772,000,000 will be available as an advance appropriation for October 1, 2012-June 30, 2013. The agreement also includes a directive for the GAO to assess the capabilities of the Adult and Dislocated Worker Employment and Training programs to adequately prepare participants for current available jobs. The study shall include: 1) An evaluation of the means by which WIA local area identify currently available jobs and the skills required for those jobs; 2) An evaluation of the means by which WIA local areas direct program participants to prepare or train for currently available jobs; and 3) a compilation of any recommendations on how participants may be better prepared for current openings in the economy.

*Note: Workforce Innovation Fund moved from Grants to States to FAP.

	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Wage and Hour Division	\$227,491	\$227,491	

See Senate Committee report: "The Committee strongly urges WHD to increase its oversight of organizations participating in the special minimum wage program for individuals with disabilities authorized under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act, in order to protect the rights of workers with disabilities."

	FY2011	Conference	Difference
Office of Disability Employment Policy Salaries and Expenses	\$38,953	\$38,953	
Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs	\$105,386	\$105,386	