

# Education Week

## Education in the Stimulus Package

*(As of February 9, 2009)*

Schools stand to benefit from the federal economic-stimulus package being debated in Congress. The House proposed spending up to \$150 billion on prekindergarten, K-12, and higher education through 2010. The Senate this week is considering scaling back some of those provisions as part of a compromise with moderate Republicans, while still providing nearly \$90 billion for education. Though it hasn't been approved yet, this compromise version would trim the proposed Title I funding increase to \$12.4 billion (down by about \$600 million), and eliminate the House's \$16 billion for school construction (though leaving money for construction bonds). The state stabilization fund, which would help states avoid budget cuts to schools and other public programs, would be reduced in half, to \$39 billion. Head Start funding would also be halved to \$1 billion, as would teacher quality state grants, to \$50 million.

Dollar amounts in the bills attributable to education vary depending on how broadly education is defined, as certain education-related programs in the package—such as funding for after-school meals—are administered outside the U.S. Department of Education.

Though there were differences between the House and Senate versions, the two chambers do agree that some direct aid to schools and states is needed. Any differences would have to be resolved in a conference committee. The following numbers reflect the House bill as passed and the Senate bill as introduced.

### **AID TO STATES**

- State incentive and innovative grants, to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Education

**\$15 billion**

- Funding to states for K-12 and higher education

**\$39 billion**

- Funding to states for priority needs, including education

**\$25 billion**

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### **CONSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY**

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- School modernization and repair

**\$14 billion in House, \$16 billion in Senate**

- School construction bonds

**\$22 billion**

- Expansion of Qualified Zone Expansion Bonds, used for school renovation and repairs

**\$1.4 billion**

- 21st Century Classrooms for school technology

**\$1 billion**

- Statewide data systems

**\$250 million, House only**

- Charter school facilities, for construction, purchase, lease, and renovation

**\$25 million, House only**

- Construction of buildings, including schools, operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs

**\$500 million in House, \$522 million in Senate**

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## GENERAL EDUCATION

- Title I

**\$13 billion**

- Education for homeless students

**\$66 million in House, \$70 million in Senate**

- Impact aid to help districts that have a low property-tax base because of federal property or installations

**\$100 million in House, \$320 million in Senate**

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- Expanding to more states the after-school meals program, currently in 8 states, U.S. Department of Agriculture

**\$726 million, House only**

- School food-service equipment, USDA

**\$198 million, Senate only**

- Vocational Rehabilitation

**\$500 million**

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## TEACHERS

- Teacher Incentive Fund, for pay-for-performance programs

**\$200 million, House only**

- Improving teacher quality through competitive grants to states

**\$100 million**

- Funding to National Science Foundation to develop new teachers in STEM subjects and improve instruction

**\$100 million in House, \$50 million in Senate**

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## SPECIAL EDUCATION

- IDEA state grants

**\$13 billion**

- IDEA grants for infants, toddlers, and families

**\$600 million House, \$500 million Senate**

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## EARLY EDUCATION

- Child Care Development Block Grant, Department of Health and Human Services

**\$2 billion**

- Head Start, HHS

**\$2.1 billion**

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

- Pell Grants

**\$15.6 billion in House, \$13.8 billion in Senate**

- Update and repair of facilities

**\$6 billion in House, \$3.5 billion in Senate**

- College work-study

**\$490 million**

- American Opportunity Tax Credit for college tuition

**\$13.7 billion over 10 years in House, \$12.9 billion in Senate**

SOURCES: Committee for Education Funding; National Conference of State Legislatures; New America Foundation; U.S. House and Senate