

## The Stimulus and Higher Education (as of 2/19/09)

	House	Senate	Compromise
<b>Aid for Students</b>			
Pell Grants	\$15.6 billion to increase maximum grant by \$500 and eliminate shortfall	\$13.9 billion to increase maximum grant and close shortfall	\$17.1 billion to increase maximum grant and eliminate shortfall
College Work Study	\$490 million	Not included	\$200 million
Perkins Loans	Not included	\$61 million for capital contributions	None
Loan Limits	Increase limit on unsubsidized loans by \$2,000	Not included	Not included
Higher Education Tax Credit	Temporarily replace Hope tax credit with \$2,500 credit available for four years of college. Credit phases out for individuals with income of \$80,000, \$160,000 for couples. Credit is 40 percent refundable. Cost: \$13.7 billion over 10 years	Temporarily replace Hope tax credit with \$2,500 credit available for four years of college. Credit phases out for individuals with income of \$80,000, \$160,000 for couples. Credit is 30 percent refundable. Cost: \$12.9 billion over 10 years	Temporarily replace Hope tax credit with \$2,500 credit available for four years of college. Credit is 40 percent refundable.
529 savings plans	Not included	Allow computers to count as qualified expenses under 529 savings plans	Allow computers to count as qualified expenses under 529 savings plans
<b>Education Aid for States</b>	\$39 billion for school districts and public colleges, distributed through existing formulas	\$26.7 billion for school districts and public colleges, distributed through existing formulas	\$39.5 billion for "backfilling" of state budget cuts; uses include facilities modernization
	\$25 billion to states for "high priority" needs, "which may include education"	\$9.5 billion to states for "high priority" needs, "which may include education"	\$8.8 billion for governors to award for "high priority" needs, including education
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
College/School	\$6 billion for "higher education"	None	None (see Education

Facilities (through Education Department)	modernization, renovation, repair"; \$1.5 billion for grants and loans to colleges, schools, and local governments for energy efficiency		Aid for States above)
National Institute of Standards and Technology	\$300 million to construct research buildings at colleges	Not included	\$180 million for competitive grants for research building construction
Computer centers (at public libraries and community colleges)	Not included	\$200 million	\$200 million
Energy Department	Not included	\$330 million for laboratory infrastructure	None
<b>Scientific Research</b>			
National Science Foundation	\$2 billion for research grants, \$900 million for equipment and facilities, and \$100 million for science education	\$1 billion for research grants, \$150 million for infrastructure, \$50 million for education	\$3 billion, including \$2.5 for research, \$400 million for infrastructure, \$100 million for education
NASA	\$600 million for climate change and other research	\$450 million for science, specifically earth science missions	Unclear (probably \$1 billion for science; including \$400 million for climate change research
National Institutes of Health	\$1.5 billion for biomedical research, \$2 billion for facilities renovation and capacity building	\$7.85 billion for biomedical research; \$300 million for shared equipment	\$10 billion, including \$8.5 billion for research, \$1.5 billion for university research facilities
Energy Department	\$2 billion for energy efficiency research; \$2 billion for basic physical science research	\$100 million for advanced computer R&D	\$2 billion for research, including \$1.6 billion for Office of Science, \$400 million for Advanced Research Project Agency-Energy
Homeland Security	Not included	\$14 million for cybersecurity research	None
National Institute of Standards and Technology	Not included	\$168 million for external grants	Unclear

<b>Job Training</b>	\$4 billion	\$3.25 billion, including \$1.95 billion for adult and dislocated workers	\$3.95 billion, including \$2 billion for dislocated workers and \$500 million for adults
<b>Other</b>			
AmeriCorps	Not included	\$200 million	\$200 million
Teacher quality partnership grants	\$100 million	\$50 million	\$100 million
Preparing health care workers	\$600 million for training primary care doctors, dentists and nurses	Not included	\$500 million
Student Aid Administration	\$50 million to help Education Department administer student aid in changing student loan environment	Not included	Not included
Support for state data systems	\$250 million	Not included	\$250 million
Help for Lenders	\$10 million for larger subsidies for lenders	Not included	Not included
Arts	\$50 million for National Endowment for the Arts	Not included	\$50 million
Rural distance learning and telemedicine (Agriculture Department)	Not included	\$100 million	None