

# **Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies**

## ***Provisions Contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018***

### **Improving Health and Safety**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):** Provides an \$800 million increase to \$5.01 billion which includes:

- \$100 million for grants to communities and community organizations who meet criteria for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.
- \$1 billion for State Opioid Response Grants for education, treatment, behavioral health services, and recovery support, \$50 million of which shall be made available to Indian tribes or tribal organizations and for State with the highest mortality rate related to opioid use disorder.
- \$35.4 million for the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention.
- \$49.8 million for primary and behavioral health care integration.
- \$84 million for medication-assisted treatment.
- \$29 million for pregnant and postpartum women.

**Suicide Prevention:** Maintains funding at \$11 million for the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention program with \$2 million set-aside at Senator Murkowski's request for American Indians/Alaska Native populations.

**Title X Family Planning:** Provides \$286.5 million for family planning and related preventive health services for millions of low-income or uninsured individuals.

**National Institutes of Health (NIH):** Provides increased funding at \$37 billion for NIH – which conducts state of the art biomedical research. The bill provides for increases for Alzheimer's research, the Precision Medicine Initiative, antibiotic resistance research, and the BRAIN initiative.

### **Improving Quality of Life**

**Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** Originally proposed to be eliminated by the administration, the bill allocates \$3.64 billion for the program which acts as a crucial supplement for many Alaskans who face the highest energy prices in the nation.

**Special Olympics:** Provides increased funding to support the work of the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. In FY18, Special Olympics will receive \$8.5 million, an increase of \$2 million, through CDC and \$15 million, an increase of \$2.5 million, from the U.S. Department of Education. Over 2,000 athletes are empowered by Special Olympics Alaska, training and competing in 16 different sports.

**Institute of Museum and Library Services:** Increases funds for state and community libraries and museums to \$240 million.

## Advancing Educational and Career Opportunities

### **Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Education:**

- **Head Start:** Increases funding for Head Start and Early Head Start to \$9.8 billion to help low-income children, age birth to 5, get a good start on life.
- **Child Care and Development Block Grant:** Increases funding to \$5.2 billion to help low-income, working parents afford high-quality child care.
- **ESEA Title I:** Increases funding for Title I to \$15.759 billion to support schools' efforts to serve low-income and other disadvantaged students.
- **ESEA II:** Maintains funding at 2.055 billion for Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants that the Administration and the House Appropriations Committee proposed to eliminate. These grants allow school districts to provide professional development to teachers and principals and to reduce class sizes.
- **IDEA Grants to States:** Increases funding to \$12.227 billion to help schools provide additional, federally-required supports for students with disabilities.
- **ESEA Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants:** Significantly increases funding to \$1.1 billion for the formula grant authorized in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act. These funds will support schools' efforts to provide a well-rounded education, activities to support safe and healthy students, and to use technology effectively to support student learning.
- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers:** Increases funding to \$1.2 billion to support afterschool programs to give working parents peace of mind and keep kids safe and engaged in learning after school.
- **Alaska Native Education Equity Program (ANEP):** Provides \$35 million, a \$3 million dollar increase, for a program designed to meet the unique educational needs of Alaska Native students.
- **Indian Education National Activities:** Increases funding to \$6.865 million—thereby increasing the required set-aside to support Native American and Alaska Native Language Immersion Schools and Programs grants, crafted by Senator Murkowski in the Every Student Succeeds Act. It has been determined that schools where indigenous language is the primary language of instruction have a strong, positive effect on Alaska Native students.
- **Indian Education Grants:** Increased funding to \$105 million to help school districts provide effective and culturally-relevant instruction and services for American Indian and Alaska Native students.

- **Impact Aid:** Increases funding to \$1.4 billion. These funds reimburse school districts for lost property tax revenue due to tax-exempt federal property or that enroll federally-connected children, such as the children of military service members and children living on Indian lands.
- **Rural Education:** Increases funding to \$180.8 million to help rural school districts improve services for their students.
- **Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education:** Increases funding to \$1.192 billion to help schools and colleges provide career education and training.

#### **Adult Education, College and Job Training:**

- **Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions:** Increases funding to \$15.772 million to help campuses that enroll a significant number of Native students to expand and improve programs and services.
- **Strengthening Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities:** Increases funding to \$31.539 million to assist colleges like Ilisagvik College in Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow) provide strong, culturally relevant classes and programs for students.
- **TRIO:** Increases funding to \$1.010 billion. The 8 TRIO programs support low-income students to prepare for, enroll in, and succeed in college and other postsecondary education.
- **Adult Education Grants to States:** Increased to \$616.9 million to help state and local efforts to help adults gain the reading, writing, and math skills they need to get and keep good jobs.
- **Pell Grants:** Increases the maximum Pell Grant amount for low-income college students to a total of \$6,095 and ensures that Pell Grant funds can be used year-round to enable students to complete college faster.
- **Job Corps:** Increases funding for Job Corps at \$1.71 billion, to provide career and technical training to young Alaskans. This will provide support for the Alaska Job Corps Center in Palmer, Alaska. Also encourages partnerships between centers and other training sites to enhance opportunity and work experiences for students in underserved rural or remote communities as well as in urban settings.
- **Training and Employment Services Grants to States:** Increases funding to \$2.789 billion to help states provide job training to low-income adults and youth and increase their ability to get and keep good jobs.
- **Apprenticeship Programs:** Increases funding to \$145 million to support and expand apprenticeship programs at the state and local levels.

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