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**FY2026 Labor-HHS-Education and Related Agencies Appropriations
Full Committee
Manager's Package**

Sponsor	Location	Purpose of Language
Bill language		
Coons	Page 2, 4, 9, 64, and 161	Modify three existing CDS projects and add a new CDS project
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Schatz	Page 207	Add language on State Information Technology [IT] and Data Systems
Murkowski	Page 217	Add the Culturally Specific Services set aside under Family Violence Prevention and Services in the Children and Families Services Table
Schatz	Page 217	Add language on technical assistance for Native Hawaiian Head Start providers
Murkowski	Page 225	Notes that Family Violence Prevention and Services funding supports programs to prevent sexual assault
Murkowski	Page 225	Updates Culturally Specific Services language to include sexual assault
Murkowski	Page 225	Provide technical assistance to providers with expertise in issues related to sexual assault
Peters	Page 254	Adds national action plan for Food is Medicine
Merkley	Page 259	Adds language on Reimbursement for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists [CRNAs]
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Reed	Page 325	Add language on program priorities and requirements
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Schatz	Page 340	Add language on codebase modernization
Coons	Page 353, 361, 365, and 416	Modify three existing CDS projects and add a new CDS Project

Murkowski	Page 348	Modify an existing CDS project to update the name of the recipient
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Modify CDS Projects for Senator Coons:

On page 2 of the bill, in line 12, strike “\$3,977,588,000” and insert “\$3,977,088,000”

On page 4 of the bill, in line 5, strike “\$1,058,256,000” and insert “\$1,057,756,000”

On page 9 of the bill, in line 13, strike “\$94,001,000” and insert “\$93,501,000”

On page 64 of the bill, in line 8 strike “\$1,078,536,000” and insert “\$1,078,036,000”

On page 64 of the bill, in line 18, strike “\$874,248,000” and insert “\$873,748,000”

On page 161 of the bill, in line 1, strike “\$3,266,926,000” and insert “\$3,267,926,000”

On page 52, line 10 strike “or”

On page 52 line 16 strike the period and insert “; or”

On page 52 of the bill, in line 17, insert “(3) Close any of Job Corps Centers, except if such closure meets the criterion entitled “Long-Term Center Performance” or the criterion entitled “Evaluation of Continuing Center Operations” established by 81 FR 12529, the capacity of the program is retained, and the requirements of section 159(j) of the WIOA are met.”

On page 77 of the bill, in line 15, strike “Initiative.” and insert “Initiative: *Provided further*, That not less than \$1,300,000 is provided for the Safe to Sleep Campaign.”.

On page 140, line 12, after “Senate” insert the following “, and make publicly available to allow for an independent review” and strike “45” and insert “60”.

On page 140 of the bill, in line 18, insert “Sec. 239. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to increase the proportion of multi-year grants awarded by the National Institutes of Health in fiscal year 2026 that are fully funded in the first year of the award, relative to the comparable proportion in fiscal year 2024, unless the National Institutes of Health awards at least the same number of total grants in fiscal year 2026 as in fiscal year 2024.”

On page 211 of the bill, in line 16 insert “SEC. 532. Any agency receiving funds made available in this Act shall provide written notice to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not less than 45 days prior to initiating the execution of any reorganization or workforce action increasing, decreasing, or transferring functions of 10 staff members or 10 percent of the staffing of an existing affected program of office, whichever is less, even without a change in funding and without regard to the type of workforce actions such as voluntary, involuntary, incentive-based, or any other such action adding or removing staff from agency payroll.”

On page 9 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Lifesaving Safety Stations.—The Committee is encouraged by the General Services Administration’s Bulletin FMR C–2024–01, “Safety Station Program Guidelines in Federal Facilities” that was issued on December 21, 2023. The Committee encourages all Departments covered in this act to implement these guidelines and establish safety stations in each public building that include automated external defibrillators, opioid reversal agents, and hemorrhagic control programs and requests a briefing from each Department within 90 days of enactment of this act on progress towards implementing these guidelines.

On page 14 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Technology Usage for Workforce Interview Preparation.—The Committee recognizes the critical role of interview preparation programs in supporting unemployed individuals, including opportunity youth, parents, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and formerly incarcerated individuals—as they transition into the workforce. The Committee encourages ETA to collaborate with state workforce agencies to prioritize partnerships with providers utilizing digital interview preparation programs to enhance workforce readiness, mitigate persistent unemployment challenges, and reduce strain on unemployment benefit resources, resulting in substantial cost savings for States.

On page 19 of the report, strike the “Background Checks” paragraph and replace with the following:

Background Checks.—The Committee is concerned that the pause in processing background checks for Job Corps applicants has had a detrimental impact on young people and on the efficient operations of the program. The Committee directs the Secretary to immediately resume processing background checks and provide a briefing on the number of background checks requested, the number of background checks completed, and the number of new students enrolled in Job Corps programs. Additionally, the Committee directs the Department to issue interim guidance authorizing Job Corps center operators to utilize alternative background check and vetting services that meet the requirements of 29 U.S.C. 3195(b)(1)(C) in order to immediately resume student enrollment. The Committee further directs the Department to submit a report within 60 days of enactment outlining the steps it has taken to implement this authority and any remaining barriers to center-level intake and enrollment.

On page 28 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

PAID Program.—The Committee notes that the Department has restarted the Payroll Audit Independent Determination program. The Committee urges the Department to ensure that any worker provided a settlement under this program is fully informed of their rights.

On page 83 of the report, insert the following after the first sentence of the “Safe Motherhood and Infant Health” paragraph:

The CDC is directed to maintain the same level of staff in the Safe Motherhood Office as were in place on March 31, 2025.

On page 99 of the report, insert the following at the beginning of the “World Trade Center Health Programs” paragraph:

The Committee notes the importance of adequate staffing at NIOSH for purposes of fulfilling statutory obligations under the WTCHP. The Committee anticipates a timely review of the monthly staffing reports as directed through the Office of the Secretary.

On page 144 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Data Initiative.—The Committee supports the transformation of NLM from its traditional role as a repository of data and research results to one where it serves as an active hub coordinating the use of ever-expanding data resources and facilitates researcher access to advanced analytics, including artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques. The Committee encourages NLM to expand the data storage capabilities and datasets necessary to establish a federated biomedical research data sharing infrastructure that features a centralized catalog of data holdings and use models to advance information science, analytics, and data science, and support the application of artificial intelligence in biomedical research. NLM is directed to provide an update on these efforts within 120 days of enactment.

On page 147 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Advancing Clinical Trials Through Subawards.—The Committee is concerned about the impact of the Administration’s policy to prohibit scientists from directing any funding to international research partners and the impact on clinical trials and human subjects research. Pediatric cancer, rare disease, HIV and infectious disease research rely on clinical trial participants and biospecimens from foreign countries in order to aggregate enough samples or patients for robust research. The Committee directs NIH to allow reimbursements and other funding arrangements with research partners abroad to foster pediatric cancer, rare disease, HIV and infectious disease research.

On page 206 of the report insert the following sentences in the paragraph entitled, “Reducing Costly Osteoporotic Fractures” and after the sentence starting, “Therefore, the Committee encourages CMS to establish a clear payment mechanism”:

Further, the Committee is concerned that postmenopausal osteoporosis [PMO] is responsible for nearly 2,000,000 fractures every year in the United States for women age 65 and older, and two out of three women with PMO at high risk for fracture will break a bone in their lifetime. However, only one in six women receive osteoporosis treatment in the months following an osteoporotic fracture. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force [USPSTF] has recommended the use of bone measurement testing to screen both women age 65 and older for osteoporosis and postmenopausal women younger than 65 who are at increased risk of osteoporosis, but nationwide screening of this high-risk population is lacking. The Committee directs CMS to provide recommendations in the fiscal year 2027 CJ for changes to CMS policies that could increase access to PMO care.

On page 207 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

State Information Technology [IT] and Data Systems.—The Committee notes significant new demands on the data and IT systems that support State Medicaid programs. The Committee directs the CMS Administrator to work with governors and State Medicaid directors to implement effective strategies to reduce preventable coverage losses and improve the accuracy of eligibility determinations. Such an approach should include timely technical assistance and promoting use of technology, electronic data sources, artificial intelligence, and personnel to reduce data siloes, streamline verifications, enhance data matching, uphold beneficiary privacy, and upgrade system capacity.

On page 217 of the report at the appropriate place in the table under the Children and Families Services heading add in “Culturally Specific Services” under Family Violence Prevention and Services and its accompanying funding of \$7,500,000.

On page 217 of the report before the last sentence in the “Native Hawaiian Programs” paragraph, insert the following:

The Committee recognizes the Federal trust responsibility to the Native Hawaiian Community, and that the provision of comprehensive early childhood education is critical to advancing that responsibility. The Committee also notes that the Secretary is required to report on facilities for Native Hawaiian Head Start programs. As such, without any current Native Hawaiian Head Start programs, the Committee directs ACF to provide technical assistance to potential Native Hawaiian Head Start providers interested in applying for Head Start funding opportunities. Identified providers shall be operated by a Native Hawaiian Organization or a Native Hawaiian Educational Organization for the purpose of serving Native Hawaiian children and families, including Native American language immersion programs.

On page 225 of the report strike the paragraph under Family Violence Prevention and Services and insert the following:

The Committee provides \$240,000,000 for Family Violence Prevention and Services programs. These funds support programs to prevent family violence and provide immediate shelter and related assistance for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their dependents.

On page 225 of the report strike the paragraph under Culturally Specific Services for Domestic Violence and insert the following:

Culturally Specific Services for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.—The Committee continues \$7,500,000 for culturally specific, community-based organizations to provide culturally specific series for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

On page 225 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Sexual Assault Technical Assistance Initiative.—The Committee strongly recommends providing \$2,500,000 for technical assistance grants to providers with extensive knowledge of and demonstrated expertise in sexual assault prevention and response to support all Office of Family Violence and Prevention Services grantees in serving victims of sexual assault.

On page 254 of the report, insert the following line in the paragraph entitled, “Food is Medicine” and after the sentence starting, “Given the potential to improve patient care and lower healthcare costs”:

Insert the line: “and develop a national action plan,” after the line “coordinate activities,” and before, “to increase access to medical foods and medical nutrition therapy.”

On page 259 of the report in the appropriate place, insert the following:

*Reimbursements for certified registered nurse anesthetists [CRNAs].—*The Committee is aware of recent efforts to reduce reimbursement for CRNA provided anesthesia, in conflict with section 2706(a) of the Public Health Service Act. The Committee directs the Departments of Health and Human Services and Labor to take appropriate action to address this issue and protect access to anesthesia services for rural and underserved communities.

On page 262 of the report in the table on the line for Improving Maternal Health Outcomes, strike “7,000,000” and insert “10,000,000”.

On page 263 of the report under the heading “Improving Maternal Health Outcomes”, strike “\$7,000,000” and insert “\$10,000,000”.

On page 318 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Literacy Study.--Recent NAEP and Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies scores show a troubling decline in literacy achievement for public school students and adult learners. The Committee shares the Administration's stated priority to improve literacy outcomes and includes \$1,500,000 for the Director to enter into an agreement with the NASEM to conduct a study of literacy attainment across the life-course, which shall include an analysis of factors that contribute to the current state of literacy attainment in the U.S., what is known about how to improve literacy attainment across the life-course, and implications for the well-being of individuals, communities, as well as national security and global competitiveness. The report shall include recommendations for Federal, state, and local policy and practice that take the varied landscape of how Americans develop literacy into account and how best to maintain literacy attainment, including for English learners and students with disabilities.

On page 325 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Program Priorities and Requirements.—The Committee notes that authorizing laws contain program priorities and requirements across a range of formula and competitive grant programs. The Committee expects the Department to adhere to those priorities and requirements when developing and issuing notices inviting applications and program guidance and administering multi-year grants.

On page 330 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Timely Notice of Awards.—Historically, CNCS has posted notices of funding opportunities early in the year to give grantees time to submit high quality applications and effectively plan for the use of grant funds. The Committee directs CNCS to ensure funding opportunity announcements for competitive grant programs funded in this act are published no later than January 1, 2026 and directs CNCS to make every effort to award funds for competitive grant programs funded under this Act no less than 60 days prior to the expiration of their period of availability. Additionally, the Committee directs CNCS to award renewal and non-competing continuations prior to the end of the period of performance, except in the case of a grant or award where there has been a finding of financial mismanagement, research fraud, or malfeasance. Finally, the Committee notes the inclusion of report language directing CNCS to provide a report to the Committees listing all grants during the previous month for which a scheduled non-competing continuation or renewal award was not made within 14 days of the end of the previous period of performance, including an explanation for the delay.

On page 340 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Codebase Modernization.— The Committee supports efforts to update SSA’s codebase from the COBOL programming language, which would provide better access to beneficiary data, expedite claim processing, reduce need for manual data entry, and lower the number of improper payments. The Committee directs the SSA, within 180 days of issuance of this report, to submit to the Committees a report on SSA’s progress on the secure migration of the codebase to a modern programming language.

Modify CDS Project for Senator Murkowski:

On page 348 of the report at the appropriate place in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items,” strike “AYEC-SEA” and insert “Association for the Education of Young Children – Southeast Alaska”

Modify CDS Projects for Senator Coons:

On page 353 of the report, at the appropriate place in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items” strike “\$2,042,000” and insert “\$1,542,000” for the project entitled “Polytech Adult Education, DE, for expanding workforce training, including the purchase of equipment”.

On page 361 of the report, at the appropriate place in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items” strike the amount “\$4,308,000” and insert “\$4,008,000” for the project entitled “Christiana Care Health Services, DE, for facilities and equipment to construct an urgent care facility”.

On page 365 of the report, at the appropriate place in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items” strike the amount “\$2,800,000” and insert “\$2,600,000” for the project entitled “Delaware Health Empowerment Coalition, DE, for facilities and equipment to construct primary care clinics”.

On page 416 of the report, at the appropriate place in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items” insert the following project: “Department of Education – Higher Education – Delaware State University, DE for Aviation Program Equipment for improving education, including the purchase of equipment - \$1,000,000 – Coons”.

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AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To improve the bill.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.

(no.) _____

Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. HYDE-SMITH

Viz:

- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 SEC. _____. (a) Prior to terminating a critical access
- 3 hospital provider agreement with any hospital that was
- 4 designated and certified as a critical access hospital and
- 5 met the secondary roads criteria under section 485.610(c)
- 6 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, prior to publica-
- 7 tion of the final rule, titled "Medicare Program: Hospital
- 8 Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical
- 9 Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Pro-
- 10 grams; Organ Acquisition; Rural Emergency Hospitals:
- 11 Payment Policies, Conditions of Participation, Provider

1 Enrollment, Physician Self-Referral; New Service Cat-
2 egory for Hospital Outpatient Department Prior Author-
3 ization Process; Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating;
4 COVID-19” by the Department of Health and Human
5 Services on November 23, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 71748),
6 the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
7 Services shall—

8 (1) provide written notification to the Com-
9 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate and the
10 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives detailing the justification for the termi-
12 nation, specifically with respect to whether or not
13 the proposed termination is due to the nearest hos-
14 pital being designated as a rural emergency hospital
15 after January 1, 2023;

16 (2) provide a detailed analysis of the rural
17 healthcare impacts of the proposed termination; and

18 (3) consult with States that require rural emer-
19 gency hospitals to be licensed and regulated with
20 minimum hospital standards of operation and pro-
21 vide a pathway for the Centers for Medicare & Med-
22 icaid Services to consider these facilities as hospitals
23 to ensure continuity in hospital standards.

24 (b) In this section:

1 (1) The term “critical access hospital” has the
2 meaning given that term in section 1861(mm)(1) of
3 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(mm)(1)).

4 (2) The term “rural emergency hospital” has
5 the meaning given that term in section 1861(kkk)(2)
6 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1395x(kkk)(2)).