

**AMENDMENT TO LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
OFFERED BY MS. DELAURO OF CONNECTICUT**

In the Bill:

On Page 7, line 25 insert “, grants, and cooperative agreements” after “contracts”.

On Page 7, line 25 strike “and local”.

On Page 8, line 1, after “intermediaries”, insert “, not less than 20 percent shall be for competitive contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements to local apprenticeship intermediaries,”.

On Page 43, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$10,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On page 45, line 1, strike the remainder of the provision following “*Provided further,*” and insert the following:

“That of the funds made available under this heading, \$20,000,000 shall be available to make grants to establish or expand optional community-based nurse practitioner fellowship programs that are accredited or in the

accreditation process, with a preference for those in Federally Qualified Health Centers, for practicing post-graduate nurse practitioners in primary care or behavioral health.”

On Page 45, line 10, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$10,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On Page 51, line 11, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On Page 51, line 11, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$2,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On Page 53, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$10,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On Page 64, line 17, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On Page 64, line 17, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$3,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On Page 66, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$10,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On Page 80, line 20, after the first dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$20,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

At the end of Title II (before the short title), insert the following:

1       “SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds appropriated in this  
2 bill or otherwise made available to the Department of  
3 Health and Human Services shall be used to publish the  
4 proposed regulation in the Fall 2018 Unified Agenda of  
5 Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions relating to the Med-  
6 icaid Nonemergency Medical Transportation benefit for  
7 Medicaid beneficiaries expected to be published for com-  
8 ment in May 2019 and promulgated in Fall 2019 (RIN:  
9 0938-AT81).”.

On Page 120, line 15, after the dollar amount “\$1,218,815,000”, insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)”.

On Page 120, line 18, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On Page 121, line 25, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)”.

On Page 122, line 1, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On page 127, line 14, after the first dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$17,000,000)”.

On page 127, line 14, after the second dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$17,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On page 129, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On page 148, line 14, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$10,000,000)”.

And amend the report accordingly.

On page 151, line 14, after “January 1, 2013:”, insert:

- 1 “*Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 7(b)(9) of
- 2 the Railroad Retirement Act, this limitation may be used

1 to hire students attending qualifying educational institu-  
2 tions or individuals who have recently completed qualifying  
3 educational programs using current excepted hiring au-  
4 thorities established by the Office of Personnel Manage-  
5 ment.”

In the Report:

On page 15 of the Committee Report, insert the following new paragraph after the paragraph that begins “Therefore, the bill includes new language clarifying . . .”:

“As part of these opportunities, the Committee directs the Secretary to continue funding for business and labor industry partner intermediaries as part of the set asides for national and local intermediaries and ensure that labor intermediaries are given opportunities to apply for competitive grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and other funding opportunities. The Committee urges the Secretary to ensure that States engage both business and labor as part of any State funding opportunities associated with this program.”

On page 42, strike the paragraph beginning with “*Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Program*” and insert the following:

*“Nurse Practitioner Optional Fellowship Program.—*

The Committee includes an increase of \$20,000,000 to make grants to establish or expand optional community-based nurse practitioner fellowship programs that are accredited or in the accreditation process for practicing postgraduate nurse practitioners (NPs) in primary care or behavioral health. The Committee directs HRSA to give preference to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), as defined by section 1861(aa)(4) of the Social Security Act. The Committee is concerned the nation is unprepared for healthcare provider shortages and recognizes that optional postgraduate programs with this focus, integrating primary care and behavioral health, will help to address this problem. Patients need expert primary care and behavioral health providers prepared to manage the social and clinical complexities experienced in FQHCs. A key focus of the program will be training and professional development in the integration of primary care and behavioral health. The program will provide optional fellowships for transitioning to an integrated model of care consistent with the current high standards of NP education and practice meeting the needs of our nation’s most vulnerable populations.”

On page 50 of the Committee Report, strike the second paragraph under the heading “*Office of Pharmacy Affairs*”.

On page 62 of the Committee Report, in the table relating to “CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION”, on the “*Alzheimer’s Disease*” line delete “\$5,500,000” and insert “\$10,500,000”.

On page 62 of the Committee Report, insert the following new paragraph above “*Arthritis*”:

“*Alzheimer’s Disease*.—The Committee provides an increase of \$5,000,000 to build a robust Alzheimer’s and other dementias public health infrastructure across the country, as authorized by the Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Act.”

On page 62 of the Committee Report, in the table relating to “CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION, Safe Motherhood/Infant Health”, insert a new item “Sudden Unexpected Infant Death & Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood”, with the dollar amount “\$2,000,000”.

On page 66 of the Committee Report, insert the following language at the end of the “*Sudden Unexpected Infant Death and Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood*”:

“Furthermore, the bill includes \$2,000,000 for training grants to States, local governmental entities and non-profits to improve the quality of death scene investigations and resulting prevention efforts, utilizing CDC training curriculum, with standardized forms and doll re-enactment.”

On page 76 of the Committee Report, in the table relating to “GLOBAL HEALTH”, insert a new item relating to “Global Tuberculosis”, with the dollar amount “\$10,000,000”.

On page 76 of the Committee Report, insert the following new paragraph after “*Global Health Security Strategy*”:

“*Global Tuberculosis.*—The Committee provides an increase of \$10,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 program level for Global Tuberculosis activities. These funds are intended to supplement, not supplant, existing funding provided through a transfer from Tuberculosis in the HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention account to Global Tuberculosis in the Global Health account.”

On page 115 of the Committee Report, in the table relating to “Mental Health Programs of Regional and National Significance”, insert a new item relating to



“Improving Mental Health on College Campuses” with the dollar amount “\$1,000,000”.

On page 115 of the Committee Report, insert the following new paragraph after “*Criminal and Juvenile Justice Programs*”:

“*Improving Mental Health on College Campuses.—*The Committee includes \$1,000,000 to plan, establish, and begin coordinating and evaluating a targeted public education campaign designed to increase access to mental health services for students at institutions of higher education, as well as to reduce the stigma associated with such services, as authorized by section 9033 of the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114–255).”

On page 115 of the Committee Report, in the table relating to “Mental Health Programs of Regional and National Significance”, on the Suicide Lifeline line, delete “\$17,000,000” and insert “\$20,000,000”.

On page 116, under “*Suicide Prevention*”, insert the following language after “. . . families and friends of at-risk individuals.”:

“Given that LGBTQ youth are more than four times more likely to attempt suicide than their peers, and that one in five LGBTQ youth and more than one in three transgender youth report attempting suicide this past

year, SAMHSA must be equipped to provide specialized resources to this at-risk community. The Committee urges SAMHSA to provide specific training programs for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline counselors to increase competency in serving LGBTQ youth through the utilization of existing specialized resources. The Committee also urges SAMHSA to consider the diversion of calls to specialty partners who are best situated to serve the LGBTQ community.”

On page 116 of the Committee Report under “*Suicide Prevention*” delete the second “\$5,000,000” related to the Suicide Lifeline and insert “\$8,000,000”. In addition, add the following language at the end of the paragraph:

“On August 14, 2018, the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act (P.L. 115–233) was signed into law, which asked the Federal Communications Commission and SAMHSA to conduct a study examining the feasibility of designating a three-digit dialing code and provide overall recommendations for improving the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL). SAMHSA has completed their portion of the study that reveals that the greatest challenges to the effectiveness of the Lifeline are its capacity to respond rapidly to the steadily increasing call volume and uneven coverage among States. A three-

digit dialing code is anticipated to increase call volume, further exasperating these challenges. To address this issue, the Committee includes additional resources for the Suicide Lifeline to be used for grants to build capacity in States with the highest need. Additionally, the Committee requests that SAMSHA report in the fiscal year 2021 Congressional Budget Justification the following: answer rates from each State, average wait time per State, how the Lifeline Centers are funded State-by-State, State-based resources per capita, total amount of funds spent on the suicide prevention lifeline by State, and how Congress can support the Lifeline’s State-based capacity challenges as demand continues to grow.”

On page 119 of the Committee Report, in the table relating to “SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT”, insert a new item below “Strengthening Community Crisis Response Systems” titled “Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers” with the dollar amount “\$10,000,000”.

On page 119 of the Committee Report, insert the following new paragraph below the table:

*“Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers.—*The Committee includes \$10,000,000 to help ensure that people with substance use disorders can access proper treatment, as authorized by section 7121 of the SUPPORT

Act. The Committee recognizes that there is a tremendous need for increasing access to coordinated, comprehensive care services that utilize the full range of FDA-approved medications and evidence-based treatments. These long-term care and support services dramatically improve outcomes for individuals and generate meaningful outcomes data to contribute to best practices for substance use disorders.”

On page 119 of the Committee Report, insert the following new paragraph prior to the paragraph beginning with “*Drug Pricing Report*”:

“*Disproportionate Share Hospitals.*—The Committee is concerned about the effect Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) funding cuts will have on providers, patients, and communities nationwide. The Committee directs CMS to study the effects of the DSH cuts, under current law, on hospitals ability to furnish care for those uninsured and underserved, and to train and retain quality staff.”

On page 131 of the Committee Report, insert the following new paragraph after the paragraph beginning with “*Medicare Simulation*”:

“*Medicare-reimbursable Expenses.*—The Committee is concerned that CMS is considering regulations or guid-

ance that would regulate the allocation of funds from a liability or no-fault related settlement, judgment, award, or other payment to pay for an individual's future medical or future prescription drug treatment expenses that would otherwise be reimbursable by Medicare. The Committee urges the Agency not to promulgate a mandatory or voluntary regulation, which would be likely to harm Medicare beneficiaries, as well as the liability primary plan providers such as automobile, liability or no-fault insurers including those who self-insure.”

On page 144 of the Committee Report, in the table relating to “CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS”, change “Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention” to \$75,000,000;

On page 147 of the Committee Report, in the paragraph relating to “*Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention*”, change the first and second dollar amounts to reflect a \$20,000,000 increase.

On page 183 of the Committee Report, under “*Magnet Schools Assistance*” insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)” after “\$120,000,000” and further amend the report accordingly.

On page 188 of the Committee Report, under “*Pre-school Grants*” insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)” after

“\$398,400,000” and further amend the report accordingly.

On page 193 of the Committee Report, under “*Career and Technical Education: State Grants*” insert “(increased by \$10,000,000)” after “\$1,300,000,000” and further amend the report accordingly.

On page 194 of the Committee Report, under “*Adult Basic and Literacy Education State Grants*” insert “(increased by \$7,000,000)” after “\$665,000,000” and further amend the report accordingly.

On page 207 of the Committee Report, under the heading “*Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education*”, after the last paragraph, insert a new paragraph and further amend the report accordingly:

“In addition, the Committee includes \$5,000,000 to continue the Open Textbooks Pilot program. The Secretary is directed to award funds through a new competition, with individual grants amounting to not less than \$100,000 and not more than \$1,000,000.”

On page 222 of the Committee Report, after “Within the total for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Committee recommends the following amounts:”, strike the table and insert the following new table:

Budget Activity	FY 2020 Committee
Library Services Technology Act:	
Grants to States .....	\$177,803,000
Native American Library Services .....	5,063,000
National Leadership: Libraries .....	13,406,000
Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian .....	10,000,000
Museum Services Act:	
Museums for America .....	29,899,000
Native American/Hawaiian Museum Service .....	1,772,000
National Leadership: Museums .....	8,313,000
African American History and Culture Act:	
Museum Grants for African American History and Culture .....	2,731,000
Museum and Library Services Act General Provisions:	
Research, Analysis and Data Collection .....	3,013,000
Program Administration .....	15,000,000

On page 222 of the Committee Report, under the heading “*Program Administration*”, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000)” after “\$14,000,000”.

