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Overview of the 2018-19 Enacted Budget

State Aid Subcommittee

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State Aid - Enacted Budget

\$912 million increase, or 3.4%

- **Foundation Aid: \$618 million**
- **Expense-based Aids: \$244 million**
- **Competitive Grants: \$50 million**

Competitive Grants

- **Prekindergarten Expansion: \$15 million**
- **Empire State After-School Program: \$10 million**
- **Early College High Schools: \$9 million**
- **Smart Start Computer Science Program: \$6 million**
- **Breakfast After the Bell: \$5 million**
- **Other grants: \$5 million**

State Aid – Enacted Budget

Foundation Aid/Community Schools

- Overall increase of \$618 million
- Includes \$50 million increase in the Community Schools Setaside, targeted to districts with high need populations, including ELLs and homeless students
- Does not establish a fixed phase-in schedule

Full Day Kindergarten

- Incentivizes the remaining districts that have half-day kindergarten to expand to full-day by offering a three year phase-out of Conversion Aid (currently limited to one year); second year would be at 65%, final year at 35%

Comparing the Proposals

Aid Category	Regents Proposal	Executive Budget	Enacted Budget
Foundation Aid	\$1.25 billion	\$338 million	\$618 million
<i>ELL Setaside</i>	<i>\$85 million</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Community Schools Setaside</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$50 million</i>	<i>\$50 million</i>
Reimbursement-based Aids	\$314 million	\$317 million	\$244 million
Fiscal Stabilization Fund	\$0	\$64 million	\$0
Prekindergarten expansion	\$20 million	\$15 million	\$15 million
Career and Technical Education	\$25 million	\$0	\$0
Other Grant Programs*	\$0	\$35 million	\$35 million
Total	\$1.6 billion	\$769 million	\$912 million

***Includes After School and School Breakfast programs**

P-12 Initiatives

School-level Spending Data

- In 2018-19 receipt of state aid increases for NYC and districts with more than 4 schools and that receive more than 50 percent of their funding from state sources will be contingent upon the submission of a complete plan demonstrating how state and local funds are spent at individual schools within the district.
- In 2019-20 school districts with more than 4 schools would be subject to the reporting requirements. All remaining districts are required to comply in 2020-21.
- The Director of the Budget in consultation with the Commissioner will develop the reporting form.
- A school district's increase in aid would be withheld until a determination of compliance is made. Districts would also be required to make this information publicly available on their website.

P-12 Initiatives

The Enacted Budget includes the following programs related to Regents priority funding requests:

- \$500,000 in grants for technical assistance for school districts wishing to start advanced courses that do not currently offer any courses, or very limited **advanced course offerings**.
- \$2 million in new funding to establish a **Supportive Schools Grant Program** to support grants to school districts and \$300,000 for technical assistance center, includes a 5% set-aside for Department administration.
 - Also related is the provision of \$250,000 to create Enhanced Mental Health Support Grants for Community Schools programs to include mental health activities in wrap-around services. Funds can also be used to improve school climate, combat violence and bullying, and support social-emotional learning.

P-12 Initiatives

The Enacted Budget does include:

- **\$6 million Smart Start Computer Science Program** to provide grants to schools for teacher development in computer science, science, and engineering, starting with highest-need schools first.
- Requires the Commissioner to determine **substantial equivalence** for certain not-for-profits with bilingual programs considering factors that include, but are not limited to, whether the entirety of the curriculum is academically rigorous in nature and develops critical thinking skills in students.
- **Recovery High Schools** - authorizes non-component school districts, to enter into an MOU with BOCES to participate in recovery high schools operated by BOCES for up to 5 years.
- **Foster Youth**- codifies the process for the provision educational services and provides for transportation cost reimbursement when a student is placed in foster care outside the district of origin to promote educational stability for children in foster care.

P-12 Initiatives Not Included

The Enacted Budget does **NOT** include Regents funding requests for:

- Additional Early Education and Early Care Program investments
- Spanish Language Arts Test Development and Exam Translations
- Professional Learning, Technical Assistance and Compliance Support for ELLs/MLLs
- Supporting Struggling Schools Identified as a Result of the NYS ESSA Plan
- High-Quality Professional Learning
- Creation of a Parent-Friendly Data System
- Regents Exams in World Languages

Higher Education Initiatives

The Enacted Budget includes the following higher education related Regents priority funding requests:

- **Institutional Accreditation** – Funding to enable the Department to continue its work in accrediting New York State institutions of higher education
- \$770,000 in new funding to expand **Clinically Rich Intensive Teacher Institute: Bilingual Education & English to Speakers of Other Languages.**
- **NYSED Access and Opportunity Programs** – Proposed cuts were restored in the enacted budget for programs that provide underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students with supports to help prepare them for college.

Higher Education Initiatives

The Enacted Budget does include:

- **NYS Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program** was created, under the oversight of HESC, for certified teachers that are employed full-time in a NYS elementary or secondary school; have an outstanding student loan debt; and meet one of the following criteria:
 - teach in a shortage subject area;
 - teach in a hard to staff district; or
 - the applicant is economically disadvantaged.
- **Foster Care Youth Initiative** received a \$1.5 million increase to provide support services to assist youth in foster care to apply for, enroll in, and succeed in college.
- **\$500,000 in new funding for a Teacher Diversity Pipeline Pilot Program** to support efforts between school districts and institutions of higher education to assist teacher aides and teaching assistants in attaining the necessary educational and professional credentials to obtain teacher certification.

Higher Education Initiatives Not Included

The Enacted Budget does NOT include:

- The DREAM Act
- Eliminating Bundy Aid and replacing it with a \$30 million Higher Education Facilities Capital Matching Grant Program. Bundy Aid is fully restored in the Enacted budget.

Professions Initiatives

The Enacted Budget does include:

- Electronic Licensing, the Regents Professions related priority request for \$4.3m in spending authority to support the development of an e-licensing system.
- Psychology, Social Work, and Mental Health Practitioner Licensure Exemption - The Enacted Budget would end the professional licensing exemption first enacted in 2002. The final language would:
 - Provide that persons who have been employed or obtain employment up to one year from the effective date of regulations of the Commissioner implementing these provisions, in programs regulated, operated, funded or approved by OMH, OPWDD, OASAS, DOH, SOFA, OCFS, DOCCS, OTDA, and/or local governmental units or social services districts (limited to OMH, OCFS and local governmental units for psychology), could continue to benefit from the existing exemption.

Professions Initiatives

The Enacted Budget does NOT include:

- Allowing public accounting firms to offer up to 49 percent of ownership by individuals who are non-licensees.
- Authorizing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) to practice nurse anesthesia (which includes the administration of anesthesia and anesthesia related care to patients; preanesthesia evaluation and preparation; anesthetic induction, maintenance and emergence; post anesthesia care; perianesthesia nursing and clinical support functions; and pain management) in collaboration with a licensed physician who is qualified to determine the need for anesthesia services and in accordance with a written practice agreement and protocols.

Cultural Education Initiatives

The Enacted Budget provides and additional \$10 million in state aid for Public Library Construction (*Regents Budget Priority Request).

The Enacted Budget also includes an increase of \$1M in Aid to Public Libraries.

The Enacted Budget does NOT include the Regents Cultural Education funding requests for:

- Museum Education Act - \$5 million
- Public Broadcasting Education Programs - \$5 million

ACCES Initiatives

The Enacted Budget includes \$500,000 in additional funds for Adult Literacy Education Aid.

The Enacted Budget does NOT include the Regents ACCES related funding requests for:

- **Bridge to College and Careers Pilot Program - \$3 million**
- **Independent Living Services - \$5 million**



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