

**SFY 2011-2012 Subcommittee on Higher Education
Report to the General Conference Committee**

To: Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Co-Chair
Senate Majority Leader Dean G. Skelos, Co-Chair
Joint General Conference Committee

From: Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick, Co-Chair
Senator Kenneth P. LaValle, Co-Chair
Joint Conference Subcommittee on Higher Education

Subject: Detailed Report of the Conference Subcommittee on Higher Education

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On March 28, 2011 the Higher Education Conference Subcommittee completed its work and presented a general report to the General Conference Committee. We are pleased to present this report, which provides details on budget matters agreed to by the Subcommittee.

With respect to the allocation of the Subcommittee's table target of \$86.6 million, the Co-Chairs and Conferees report that we have agreed to the following:

State University of New York

The Subcommittee agrees to accept the Executive proposal of \$100 million reduction to SUNY State Operated Colleges and \$15 million reduction to SUNY Statutory Colleges.

The Subcommittee agrees to restore Community College Base Aid increasing funding by \$13.0 million.

The Subcommittee agrees to restore \$60 million to SUNY Hospitals and \$4.1 million to the Long Island Veterans Home.

The Subcommittee agrees to add \$135 million in appropriation authority to allow SUNY Upstate to acquire Community General Hospital.

The Subcommittee agrees to add \$710,000 for SUNY Child Care Centers.

The Subcommittee agrees to modify the \$48.7 million appropriation for Educational Opportunity Centers to allow them to transfer existing funds to ATTAIN labs.

The Subcommittee agrees to the Executive proposal for capital appropriations.

City University of New York

The Subcommittee agrees to accept the Executive proposal of \$70 million reduction to CUNY Senior Colleges.

The Subcommittee agrees to restore Community College Base Aid increasing funding by \$5.2 million.

The Subcommittee agrees to add \$590,000 to CUNY Child Care Centers.

The Subcommittee agrees to the Executive proposal for capital appropriations.

Higher Education Services Corporation

The Subcommittee agrees to accept the Executive's proposal to eliminate Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) awards for graduate students.

The Subcommittee agrees to accept the Executive's proposal to deny TAP awards for students in default of federal student loans not guaranteed by HESC until they cure the default.

The Subcommittee agrees to accept the Executive's proposal to create parity between public and private pensions in TAP award calculations.

The Subcommittee agrees to the Executive's proposal to reduce maximum TAP awards for financially independent students who are married without children.

The Subcommittee agrees to the Executive's proposal to reduce the maximum TAP award from \$5,000 to \$4,000 for students who are enrolled at two year institutions and modifies the appropriation language to exempt public community colleges.

The Subcommittee agrees to the Executive's proposal to increase academic standards to and credit minimums for TAP for non-remedial students and modifies the appropriation to clarify the definition of remedial.

The Subcommittee agrees to an additional \$3 million to provide Tuition Assistance Program awards for students who attend institutions that are not currently under the direct supervision of the State Education Department.

The Subcommittee agrees to cut \$6.0 million from the New York Higher Education Loan Program (NYHELPS).

Higher Education Miscellaneous

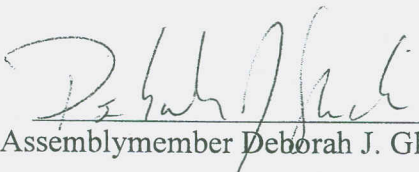
The Subcommittee agrees to the Executive's proposal to reduce Bundy Aid by \$3.9 million.

Council on the Arts

The Subcommittee agrees to the Executive proposal for State Operations and Aid to Localities.

The Subcommittee agrees on the following actions in relation to Article VII Proposals:

- Authorizing SUNY and CUNY to purchase goods, execute contracts for construction and construction-related services and execute printing contracts without prior approval of the Comptroller and Attorney General;
- Authorizing the State University Construction Fund and City University Construction Fund to execute contracts without prior approval of the Comptroller and Attorney General;
- Authorizing SUNY to accept conditional gifts of real and personal property;
- Extending the Regents Physician Loan Forgiveness Program, the Patricia McGee Nursing Faculty Scholarship and Nursing Faculty Loan Forgiveness Program and the Social Worker Loan Forgiveness Program until 2016;
- Extending the Higher Education Capital Matching Grant Program until March 31, 2012;
- Authorizing SUNY Downstate Hospital to enter into a long-term lease with a not-for-profit corporation for use of facilities to be acquired from the Long Island College Hospital (LICH); and
- Authorizing SUNY Upstate Hospital to acquire Community-General at Syracuse.


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