

SFY 2005-06 Subcommittee on Human Services and Labor

To: Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, Co-Chair
Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Co-Chair
Joint General Conference Committee

From: Senator Raymond A. Meier, Co-Chair
Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick, Co-Chair
Joint Conference Subcommittee on Human Services and Labor

Subject: Report of the Subcommittee on Human Services and Labor

Date: March 23, 2005

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The subcommittee reached agreement on General Fund spending levels, TANF spending levels, and Article VII proposals for the agencies under the jurisdiction of this subcommittee as follows:

I. Agencies

Public Protection and General Government:

- Public Employment Relations Board
- Department of Civil Service
- Office of Employee Relations
- Division of Veterans' Affairs
- Workers Compensation Board
- Collective Bargaining Agreements
- Deferred Compensation Board
- Workers Compensation Reserve
- Stock Workmen's Compensation Security Fund

Education, Labor, & Family Assistance

- Office of Children and Family Services
- Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
- Division of Human Rights
- Department of Labor
- Office of the Welfare Inspector General

II. Article VII Proposals

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance:

- Reject the proposals to impose fiscal penalties on social services districts that fail to meet Family Assistance and Safety Net work participation rates;
- Accept the proposal to transfer the Welfare-to-Work division from DOL to OTDA;
- Cannot agree and therefore reject the proposal to impose “Full Family Sanctions” on cases in which the head of household fails to meet work requirements—this issue has been closed;
- Cannot agree and therefore reject the proposal to tie the Earned Income Disregard to the length of time an individual or family has been in receipt of public assistance—this issue has been closed;
- Cannot agree and therefore reject the proposal for an enhanced Earned Income Tax Credit for non-custodial parents as well as for the proposed pilot program to target this population—this issue has been closed.

Office of Children and Family Services:

- Amend the proposal to require all local districts to pay the Maximum State Aid Rate (MSAR);
- Accept the proposal for PINS diversion.

Department of Labor (DOL):

- Reject the merger of the Vocational Rehabilitation component of VESID from State Education Department to DOL;
- Reject the repeal of Wicks’ Law;
- Reject the elimination of the Hazard Abatement Board;
- Reject the elimination of the Public Works Advisory Board;
- Accept the elimination of the State Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council;
- Accept the elimination of the Asbestos Advisory Board;
- Accept the elimination of the Minimum Wage Standards for Farm Workers Advisory Council;
- Accept the elimination of the Laser Operating Examination Board;
- Reject the proposal to conform the Asbestos Handling License Renewal Fee to other fees.

Public Employment Relations Board:

- Reject the merger of the Public Employment Relations Board with State Employment Relations Board;
- Reject the establishment of requirements and fees to be imposed on negotiating units and public employers;
- Reject the proposal to make the financial ability-to-pay of a public employer the primary factor that an arbitration panel uses in arriving at determinations in disputes.

Workers' Compensation Board:

- Reject the merger of the Workers' Compensation Board into the Department of Labor.

III. TANF Agreement

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| TANF Base | \$ | 743,394,000 |
| Flexible Fund for Family Services | \$ | 600,000,000 |
| Support for Low Income Working Families | \$ | 686,165,000 |
| Child Care Investments | \$ | 379,000,000 |
| • Child Care (Includes CAP and EAF) | \$ | 371,100,000 |
| • Child Care Demos | \$ | 3,500,000 |
| • Child Care SUNY/CUNY | \$ | 3,400,000 |
| • Child Care for Migrant Workers | \$ | 1,000,000 |
| Programmatic Initiatives | \$ | 165,623,000 |
| • Transportation | \$ | 7,000,000 |
| • Non-residential Domestic Violence Services | \$ | 3,000,000 |
| • BRIDGE | \$ | 9,553,000 |
| • Summer Youth Employment | \$ | 25,000,000 |
| • YEETP | \$ | 4,000,000 |
| • Displaced Homemakers | \$ | 2,300,000 |
| • Advantage Schools | \$ | 20,200,000 |
| • Home Visiting | \$ | 16,000,000 |
| • Food Pantries | \$ | 12,350,000 |
| • Pregnancy Prevention | \$ | 2,100,000 |
| • APPS | \$ | 5,870,000 |
| • School Based Health Centers | \$ | 3,500,000 |
| • Title XX/WIC | \$ | 3,000,000 |
| • WIC | \$ | 2,000,000 |
| • ATI | \$ | 4,000,000 |

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| • Wage Subsidy Program | \$ | 4,000,000 |
| • Preventive Services Initiative | \$ | 15,000,000 |
| • Technology Training | \$ | 8,500,000 |
| • Language Immersion/ESL | \$ | 2,000,000 |
| • Adult and Family Literacy | \$ | 1,000,000 |
| • VESID/Case Services | \$ | 1,500,000 |
| • Homeless Assistance (SHIP) | \$ | 4,000,000 |
| • ACCESS/Welfare to Careers | \$ | 1,000,000 |
| • Emergency Homeless | \$ | 1,000,000 |
| • DAP | \$ | 1,000,000 |
| • DAP Savings | \$ | (500,000) |
| • Supportive Housing for Families | \$ | 2,500,000 |
| • Basic Education | \$ | 2,000,000 |
| • Caretaker Relative | \$ | 1,150,000 |
| • Build NY | \$ | 1,000,000 |
| • NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute CC | \$ | 600,000 |

Total TANF Funding \$ **2,574,182,000**

IV. General Fund Table Target

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance:

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| • Reject Full Family Sanction | \$ | 6,211,000 |
| • Reject Work Participation Rate Penalties | \$ | 3,750,000 |
| • Reject Earned Income Disregard Stepdown | \$ | 2,736,000 |
| • Increase State Supplement for SSI Recipients | \$ | 3,000,000 |
| • Reject Fatherhood Initiative pilot program | \$ | (3,000,000) |
| • Local Innovations | \$ | 765,000 |

OTDA Sub-Total: \$ **13,462,000**

Office of Children and Family Services:

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| • Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention(YDDP) | \$ | 1,001,200 |
| • Child Advocacy Centers | \$ | 307,800 |
| • Runaway and Homeless Youth | \$ | 500,000 |
| • Domestic Violence Training/CPS Workers | \$ | 135,000 |
| • Family Preservation Centers | \$ | 315,000 |
| • Maternity & Early Childhood Foundation | \$ | 200,000 |
| • MSAR | \$ | 1,567,000 |

OCFS Sub-Total: \$ **4,026,000**

Department of Labor:

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| • Displaced Homemakers | \$ | 3,000,000 |
| • Hazard Abatement Board | \$ | 430,000 |
| • Assembly Labor Programs | \$ | 2,815,000 |
| • Reject Asbestos Handling License Renewal Fee | \$ | 185,000 |
| • Dislocated Worker Assistance | \$ | 241,000 |
| • Chamber on the Job Training | \$ | 1,001,000 |
| • NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute and UAW Axle-Perry's Ice Cream | \$ | 500,000 |
| • NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute Including Upstate and Long Island | \$ | 950,000 |
| • Senate Labor Initiatives | \$ | 1,750,000 |

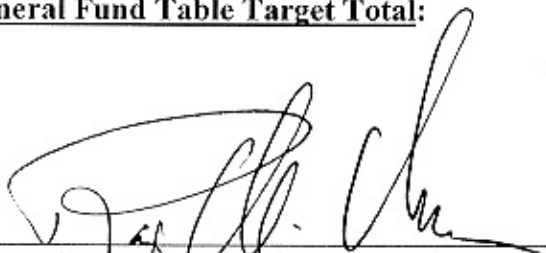
DOL Sub-Total: \$ 10,872,000

Public Employment Relations Board:

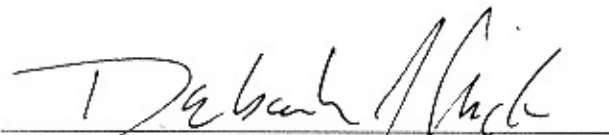
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| • Undoing SLRB Merger | \$ | 840,000 |
| • Reject Art. VII filing fees and info. requirements | \$ | 800,000 |

PERB Sub-Total: \$ 1,640,000

General Fund Table Target Total: \$ 30,000,000



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