

As promised, here are two more proposals House Republicans have offered to President Obama in order to reduce the deficit and save taxpayer’s money.

Terminating Duplicative Education Programs

The Department of Education currently administers hundreds of separate education programs. Many of these programs are duplicative of other programs. In many cases, schools have the flexibility to use other federal funds for the purposes of some of these targeted programs. Eliminating duplicative education programs will streamline Federal education initiatives and provide savings. The President recognized this when he proposed terminating several duplicative programs in his budget. Building on the President’s recommendations, additional savings can be achieved by eliminating the following programs:

Program	One Year Savings	Five Year Savings	Program is Duplicative Of
Improving Literacy Through School Libraries	19,145,000	95,725,000	ESEA Title I (Museum and Library Sciences)
School Leadership	19,220,000	96,100,000	ESEA Title II, Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF)
Grants to reduce alcohol abuse	32,700,000	163,500,000	Safe and Drug Free School program (EDFS)
Mental Health Integration in Schools	5,900,000	29,500,000	SDFS, HHS programs
Elementary and Secondary School Counseling	52,000,000	260,000,000	SDFS
Native Hawaiian Education	33,315,000	166,575,000	ESEA Title I
Alaska Native Education	33,315,000	166,575,000	ESEA Title I
Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity Program	3,000,000	15,000,000	HEA Title IV student aid programs
Demonstration Projects for Students with Disabilities	6,755,000	33,775,000	HEA Title IV student aid, Voc Rehab, program has fulfilled its purpose
Teachers for a Competitive Tomorrow	2,184,000	10,920,000	ESEA Title II, TIF
Additional Assistance for LEAs	66,208,000	331,040,000	ESEA Title I
Foreign Language Assistance Program	26,328,000	131,640,000	ESEA Title I
Incarcerated Youth Program	17,186,000	85,930,000	SDFS, ESEA Title I
National Environmental Education Act	9,000,000	45,000,000	ESEA Title I
Centers of Excellence in Early Childhood	2,000,000	10,000,000	Head Start
Carl Perkins Title II	102,923,000	514,615,000	Voc Ed Title I
Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions	11,579,000	57,895,000	Title IV

Eliminating these duplicative programs would save taxpayers \$442.8 million in the first year and \$2.2 billion over five years.

Eliminate Full-time Union Representatives From Federal Payroll

Under current law, Federal employees who are part of a collective bargaining unit may be granted “official time” to perform representational duties on behalf of the union. While on official time, the employee is paid by the government but is acting on behalf of the union. According to the Office of Personnel Management, in FY 2008 the Federal government spent \$120 million paying employees for their time spent working on union activities. While some employees only spend minimal time on union activities, others are designated as 100 percent on official time, meaning they are paid to spend all of their time on union activities. In their report, OPM suggests a significant amount of the time spent on general labor-management category (as opposed to dispute resolution or contract negotiations) is spent by those on 100 percent official time. Eliminating 100 percent official time would save taxpayers millions of dollars each year. Savings of just 10% a year would save taxpayers \$12 million next year and \$60 million over five years.