

SFY 2006-07 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, 2006

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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

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:

- 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 on 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 referred to the General Conference Committee;
- Reject the proposal to adjust the calculation of public assistance grants for households that include a recipient of Supplemental Security Income;
- Agree in concept to the proposal to provide an enhanced Earned Income Tax Credit to non-custodial parents with refined language;
- Agree in concept to a pilot project for non-custodial parents with refined language;
- Reject proposal to suspend child support arrears;
- Reject proposal to enhance Family Court authority to order non-custodial parents into work programs;
- Reject age change from 60 to 65 for work exemption;
- Amend proposal to provide a work rate bonus to localities to exclude singles and childless couples;
- Advance legislation to require sanction notices to be in plain language;
- Advance legislation to direct OTDA to maximize work rates by not counting certain exempt or sanctioned Time Limit families as Maintenance of Effort (MOE) spending;
- Advance legislation to grant OTDA the authority to shift families in which two parents are receiving assistance to Safety Net non-MOE; and
- Advance legislation to expand OTDA reporting requirements.

Office of Children and Family Services:

- Accept the proposal to eliminate provisions requiring OCFS to approve a day care provider’s certificate of incorporation before it is granted;
- Reject the proposal to increase fines on child care providers;
- Amend the proposal to require the Department of Health and OCFS to apply for and implement a Medicaid waiver to permit children in foster care to obtain medical services not currently available;

- Cannot agree on legislation to prohibit OCFS from contracting with not-for-profit agencies to operate OCFS facilities – this issue has been referred to the General Conference Committee;
- Advance legislation to establish a pilot project to test the efficacy of portable information technology to reduce the workload of child protective caseworkers;
- Advance legislation to conduct a study on the prevalence of sexually exploited youth; and
- Advance legislation to allow OCFS to establish child welfare caseload standards.

Department of Labor (DOL):

- Accept the proposal to transfer the Radiological Health Unit from the Department of Labor to the Department of Health; and
- Reject the proposal to increase the Asbestos Handling License Renewal Fee from \$300 to \$500.

Public Employment Relations Board:

- Reject the establishment of a new annual registration fee of \$75 to be paid annually by public employers and employee organizations.

Department of Civil Service:

- Reject the proposal to make a public employers' financial ability to pay the primary factor that a public arbitration panel uses in arriving at determinations in disputes.

III. TANF Agreement

TANF Base	\$640,085,000
Flexible Fund for Family Services	\$604,225,000
Support for Low Income Working Families	\$678,598,000
Child Care Investments	\$413,000,000
Child Care (Includes CAP and EAF)	\$399,550,000
Child Care Demos	\$8,300,000
Child Care SUNY/CUNY	\$3,400,000
Child Care for Migrant Workers	\$1,750,000
Programmatic Initiatives	\$208,973,000
Transportation	\$8,400,000

Non-residential Domestic Violence Services	\$3,000,000
BRIDGE	\$9,553,000
Summer Youth Employment	\$30,000,000
Displaced Homemakers	\$2,300,000
Advantage Schools	\$27,500,000
Home Visiting	\$21,400,000
Food Pantries	\$12,350,000
Pregnancy Prevention	\$12,100,000
APPS	\$7,320,000
WIC	\$5,000,000
ATI	\$4,000,000
Wage Subsidy Program	\$4,000,000
Preventive Services Initiative	\$20,500,000
Technology Training	\$7,000,000
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	\$5,000,000
Basic Education	\$1,000,000
Caretaker Relative	\$1,150,000
Build NY	\$1,000,000
NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Development C.C.C.	\$400,000
Intensive Case Services	\$15,000,000
Total TANF Funding	\$2,544,881,000

IV. General Fund Table Target

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance:

Reject Full Family Sanction	\$11,873,000
EID – Pending Decision from General Conference Committee	\$2,073,000
Reject SSI Invisibility	\$12,061,000
Shift Two-Parent Families to State Program	\$5,000,000
Reduce EITC Offset	\$30,743,520
Local Innovations	\$765,000

Additional SSI Payments	\$500,000
SRO Support Services	\$3,500,000
Utica Food Bank	\$150,000
Technology Training	\$1,500,000

Temporary & Disability Assistance Sub-total: \$68,165,520

Office of Children and Family Services:

Preventive COLA	\$4,800,000
Preventive Services	\$5,000,000
Caseload Reduction	\$6,000,000
Quality Fund	\$2,000,000
Fatality Review	\$700,000
Child Advocacy Centers - Extension	\$2,000,000
Child Advocacy Centers - Expansion	\$1,500,000
Study on Sexually Exploited Youth	\$500,000
Amy Watkins	\$1,000,000
Day Care Worker Recruitment and Retention	\$4,000,000
Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention (YDDP)	\$1,500,000
Settlement Houses	\$1,373,000
Community Residential Houses	\$691,980
Runaway and Homeless Youth	\$500,000
Domestic Violence Training for Child Protective Service Workers	\$135,000
Family Preservation Centers - Assembly	\$87,500
Family Preservation Centers - Senate	\$315,000
Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation	\$200,000
Caseworker Training/Standards	\$5,000,000
Child Abuse Medical Provider Network	\$500,000
Consultant to Review and Recommend Manageable Workloads	\$500,000
Home Visiting	\$3,600,000
Kinship Programs and an Information Referral Network	\$750,000
Hoyt Memorial Trust Fund	\$2,000,000
United Way Statewide 2-1-1	\$3,450,000
Reject Day Care Fines	\$56,000
Jewish Board Family and Children Services	\$200,000
Boys and Girls Club	\$1,250,000

Children & Family Services Sub-total \$49,608,480

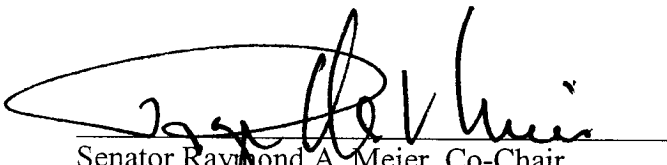
Department of Labor


Displaced Homemaker Program	\$3,000,000
Jobs for Youth	\$1,088,000
Jobs for Youth--Baden St. Settlement	\$190,500
Mt. Sinai-Irving Selikoff Occupational Health Clinical Center	\$175,000
New York Committee on Occupational Health	\$300,000
Assembly Labor Programs	\$805,500
Reject Asbestos Handling License Renewal Fee	\$185,000
Consortium for Worker Education--Workplace Literacy	\$200,000
Consortium for Worker Education--Workplace Development	\$455,000
Western New York Committee on Occupational Health	\$250,000
Utica Dislocated Worker Assistance	\$682,000
NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Dev. Inst. UAW American Axle and UAW Axle-Perry's Ice Cream	\$1,000,000
NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Dev Inst. Incl. Upstate and Long Island	\$995,000
Senate Labor Initiatives	\$2,150,000
Jobs for Youth - Rochester	\$300,000
For the Good, Inc.	\$150,000
Labor Sub-Total	\$11,926,000

Public Employee Relations Board

Reject Art VII on filing fees and information requirements	\$300,000
Public Employee Relations Board Subtotal	\$300,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL **\$130,000,000**


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