

**Department of Education**  
**Fiscal Year 2020 Budget amendments**  
**May 13, 2019**

On May 13, 2019, the President submitted to the Congress a package of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget amendments for the Departments of Defense, Education, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Labor, State and Other International Programs, and Transportation, as well as the Army Corps of Engineers. The Budget amendments are fully offset and do not change the overall discretionary budget authority requested for the FY 2020 Budget. The complete Budget amendments may be found at the following link.

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/FY20\\_Budget\\_Amendment\\_5-13-19.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/FY20_Budget_Amendment_5-13-19.pdf)

The Budget amendments package affects the following Department of Education programs:

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** The FY 2020 Budget amendments would provide \$17.6 million in funding for the Special Olympics program under the Special Education Account. The Special Olympics program funds are used to promote the expansion of the Special Olympics including activities to increase the participation of individuals with intellectual disabilities within the U.S. The funds also are used for the design and implementation of Special Olympics education programs including character education and volunteer programs.

**PELL GRANTS:** The Budget amendments would increase the cancellation of unobligated balances in the Pell Grant program by \$1.9 billion for a total proposed cancellation of \$3.9 billion. In recent years, enrollment of Pell recipients in higher education has declined continuously from 2011 to 2018 as the economy has improved. Pell Grant program funding provided previously has lasted longer than anticipated. With this cancellation of unobligated balances in fiscal year 2020 and the other proposed changes to the Pell Grant program in the FY 2020 Budget, the program is still expected to have sufficient discretionary funds until 2023.

In addition to the Budget amendments detailed above, the amendment package also includes increased amounts for the Army Corps of Engineers regarding funding for the Florida Everglades, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding funding for Great Lakes restoration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration regarding funding that would accelerate the return of American astronauts to the surface of the Moon by 4 years. It also makes technical corrections to the FY 2020 President's Budget submitted on March 11, 2019.