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As the House begins debate today on its Economic Stimulus Package – The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed its version of the stimulus bill by 21-9 vote. You may find it at:
<http://appropriations.senate.gov/>

The Senate version specifically IDs a reserve of facilities funding for community colleges, the amount to be determined by the percentage of students attending community colleges in the state. It also includes:

- \$39 billion to local school districts and public colleges and universities, distributed through existing state and federal formulas [as compared to 79 billion in the House];
- \$15 billion in incentive grants to states as a reward for meeting key education performance measures; and
- \$25 billion to states for other high-priority needs, such as public safety and other critical services, which may include education;
- \$13.9 billion for Pell grants, which will increase the maximum by \$281 in the 2009-2010 academic year and by \$400 in the 2010-2011 academic year [as compared to \$500 in the House proposal];
- \$3.5 billion to improve and modernize higher-education facilities; and,
- \$3.4 billion for job training programs.

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