

K-16 Education
in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) includes significant resources to address the *K-16 educational* needs of children and youth, including:

- \$39.5 billion for **local school districts**, to be distributed using existing funding formulas, with the goal of preventing cutbacks and layoffs and for promoting school modernization projects. An additional \$5 billion will be given to states as bonus grants for meeting key performance measures. **Rhode Island will receive up to an estimated \$134.9 million over the three-year period Fiscal year 2009 through Fiscal Year 2011 for elementary, secondary and higher education.** In order to be eligible for these funds, Rhode Island must maintain funding for education at no less than the Fiscal Year 2006 levels. An additional \$30.0 million may be available for the state based on Rhode Island meeting certain maintenance of effort conditions. **Rhode Island is also eligible for an additional \$3.2 million in school improvement and education technology funds.**
- \$13.0 billion for Title I of No Child Left Behind for educating **disadvantaged students in high-poverty areas** with a focus on programs that provide extra academic support to help raise student achievement. **Rhode Island will receive an estimated \$47.1 million in Title I funding over Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011, including \$11.3 million for school improvements.**
- \$12.3 billion under IDEA Part B for grants to bolster the costs of educating **students with disabilities** ages 3-21 in order to free state education funding for other education priorities. **Rhode Island will receive an estimated \$47.6 million in IDEA Part B grants over Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 distributed through formula-driven sub-grants.**
- **\$15.6 billion to increase Pell grant awards** in Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010. Financial aid through Pell grants will increase by approximately \$500 per academic year. **Rhode Island will receive an estimated \$246.7 million increase in Pell grants** based on eligibility determinations made for fall 2008 and spring 2009 financial aid. **Rhode Island will also receive an estimated \$1.6 million in additional work student funding for college students.**
- **Higher education tax credits for families will increase to a maximum of \$2,500.**

For more information view the Rhode Island General Assembly's report at <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/HouseFinance/ARRActRev.pdf>