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NOTE: The program changes detailed below are EACH estimated separately from current law:

Beginning in July 2010, all new lending activity in the guaranteed student loan program would cease and new federal student and parent loans would be made through the federal direct loan program.

1./	BA	----	-4,810	-13,310	-12,245	-11,165	-10,530	-10,205	-10,195	-10,070	-10,315	-10,675	-52,060	-103,520
	OL	----	-2,585	-8,855	-10,970	-10,025	-9,350	-8,985	-8,905	-8,860	-8,965	-9,250	-41,785	-86,750

Beginning in July 2012, change the borrower interest rate on direct subsidized undergraduate loans from 6.80% to a variable rate based off of the 91-day Treasury bill rate, adjusted annually, and capped at 6.80%. The variable rate would be the 91-day Treasury bill rate + 2.30% capped at 6.80%.

	BA	----	----	----	40	545	550	560	575	585	605	625	1,135	4,085
	OL	----	----	----	25	340	480	485	495	505	520	540	845	3,390

Beginning in January 2010, change the base interest rate on which the special allowance payments (SAP) are calculated for certain guaranteed student loans unless the lender chooses upon enactment of this change to keep the current 3-month commercial paper (CP) rate yield structure. The new rate would be the bond equivalency rate of the 1-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). This new rate would apply to all outstanding guaranteed student loans where the current law base rate is the 3-month commercial paper (CP) rate and to the participation yield on ECASLA loans.

	BA	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*
	OL	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*

Beginning in July 2015, eliminate graduate students from the direct subsidized student loan program. Graduate student borrowing levels for direct unsubsidized student loans would be increased accordingly to accommodate additional borrowing.

	BA	----	----	----	----	----	----	-390	-725	-730	-750	-770	----	-3,365
	OL	----	----	----	----	----	----	-240	-545	-635	-650	-665	----	-2,735

Beginning in fiscal year 2010, provide mandatory funds for the Pell Grant Program to raise the maximum award level above the level provided in discretionary appropriations. This addon would be inflated each year. Eliminate language setting the maximum award level for the Pell Program for future years in the Higher Education Act.

	BA	----	111	1,930	741	6,671	3,511	3,904	5,065	6,290	7,931	9,696	12,964	45,850
	OL	----	30	601	1,591	2,354	5,758	3,648	4,213	5,384	6,721	8,391	10,334	38,692

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Beginning July, 1 2011, make changes to the needs analysis formula, including eliminating the students' and parents' assets and most untaxed income from the formula and setting an asset cap for need-based aid.

BA	----	----	10	15	15	15	15	15	15	20	20	55	140
OL	----	----	5	10	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	45	120

Beginning July, 1 2011, change the current prohibition on financial aid for individuals convicted of drug offenses while receiving financial aid. Only students convicted of the sale of illegal drugs (and not possession) while receiving aid would be prohibited from receiving aid.

BA	----	----	*	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	9	24
OL	----	----	*	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	9	24

Beginning July, 1 2010, allow borrowers with guaranteed consolidation loans, who have not had a direct consolidation loan, to reconsolidate their outstanding guaranteed consolidation loan into a direct consolidation loan.

BA	-250	-*	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	-250	-250
OL	-250	-*	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	-250	-250

Beginning in July 2010, all new lending activity in the current Perkins loan program would cease. In addition, the recall of revolving funds from institutions of higher education, which is currently scheduled to begin in October 2013, would now begin in July 2010 and schools would be able to retain funds for administrative costs and their share of cancellations. A new Perkins loan program with \$6 billion in new loan capital each academic year would be established for academic year 2010-2011. These new federal loans would be disbursed to students through campus financial aid offices similar to the process for current Perkins loans and would have terms modeled after the current unsubsidized direct student loans. The exceptions are that the borrower interest rate on new Perkins loans would be a fixed 5 percent and the annual borrowing limits would be similar to the current Perkins loan program.

BA	----	-1,306	-783	-587	729	371	489	560	619	639	646	-1,575	1,377
OL	----	-1,194	-777	-676	660	337	470	546	605	634	646	-1,650	1,251

Authorize and appropriate funds for a College Access and Completion Innovation Fund.

2./ BA	----	600	600	600	600	600	----	----	----	----	----	3,000	3,000
OL	----	143	476	558	599	600	458	124	42	1	----	2,376	3,000



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Net programmatic interactions among all program changes listed above.													
Student Loan Interactions:													
BA	0	0	-15	632	1,212	1,227	222	-628	-633	-643	-648	3,056	726
OL	0	0	-10	362	872	1,057	492	-298	-553	-553	-573	2,281	796
Pell Grant Interactions:													
BA	0	-1	3	12	25	67	100	127	156	220	238	106	947
OL	0	-*	*	6	16	36	75	107	134	173	224	57	771
Total Interactions:													
BA	0	-1	-12	644	1,237	1,294	322	-501	-477	-423	-410	3,162	1,673
OL	0	-*	-10	368	888	1,093	567	-191	-419	-380	-349	2,338	1,567
<b>TOTAL CHANGES--Including Programmatic Interactions</b>													
1./2./ BA	-250	-911	-4,580	-8,803	620	-2,251	-3,622	-3,524	-2,084	-611	814	-16,175	-25,202
O	-250	-3,131	-5,188	-4,434	-1,585	1,544	-1,599	-2,433	-1,655	-421	1,011	-13,045	-18,142

Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

\*. Minimal federal cost.

1./ Because administrative expenses are, for the most part, mandatory costs for guaranteed loans but mostly discretionary costs for direct loans, some of the mandatory savings reflect a shift of administrative expenses from the mandatory side of the budget to the discretionary side of the budget, as reflected below.

**DISCRETIONARY:**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2009-2014 Total	2009-2019 Total
BA	----	125	295	395	500	635	790	960	1,125	1,280	1,425	1,950	7,530
O	----	95	250	375	475	600	755	920	1,090	1,245	1,390	1,795	7,195

2./ For all new mandatory programs with outlays above \$50 million in the final year of funding, CBO must consult with the Budget Committee to determine if the programs should be continued in baseline. The scoring of these programs may change depending on the guidance provided by the budget committees.