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(S.D.)-How Automatic Budget Cuts Could Affect State



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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - The White House compiled the numbers from federal agencies and its own budget office. The numbers reflect the impact of the cuts this year. Unless Congress acts by Friday, \$85 billion in cuts are set to take effect from March-September.

As to whether states could move money around to cover shortfalls, the White House said that depends on state budget structures and the specific programs. The White House did not have a list of which states or programs might have flexibility.

EDUCATION:

-About \$1.16 million in funding for primary and second education, putting around 20 teacher and aide jobs at risk. In addition about 1,000 fewer students would be served and approximately 10 fewer schools would receive funding.

-About \$1.78 million in funds for about 20 teachers, aides, and staff who help children with disabilities.

- Aid to help about 90 low-income students finance the costs of college as well as work-study jobs for about 10 students

-Head Start: Head Start and Early Head Start services would be eliminated for approximately 200 children education.

ENVIRONMENT

- About \$1.15 million to ensure clean water and air quality, as well as prevent pollution from pesticides and hazardous waste

- \$735,000 for fish and wildlife protection

DEFENSE

- About 1,000 civilian Department of Defense employees would be furloughed

- about \$900,000 would be cut to operate Army bases in the state, and about \$1 million to fund Air Force operations

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- About \$37,000 for law enforcement, prosecution and courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, and crime victim and witness initiatives

EMPLOYMENT

- About \$216,000 in job search assistance

- Child care for as many as 100 disadvantaged and vulnerable children

HEALTH

- \$65,000 for vaccines for diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, whooping cough, influenza, and Hepatitis, affecting about 950 children

- About \$122,000 to help the state respond to public health threats such as infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events.

- About \$250,000 to help prevent and treat substance abuse, meaning about 100 fewer admissions to substance abuse programs.

- About \$34,000 for health departments in the state, resulting in around 800 fewer HIV tests.

- About \$16,000 for services to victims of domestic violence, affecting about 100 victims.

- About \$214,000 to provide meals for seniors.

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