

**Georgia Department of Labor
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Waiver Requests
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Waiver	Goals and Outcomes
Youth served under summer stimulus funds from Younger Youth Skill Attainment Measure	The stimulus legislation waives all statutory youth performance measures for youth served under the summer employment activities except for the “work readiness indicator” under the Younger Youth Skill Attainment Rate measure. The youth served in WIA year round programs will still be measured by the additional criteria specified in TEGL 17-05. As there are different requirements for youth served in the year round program, the youth served under the summer youth employment activities should not be included in the measurement.
Exclude summer stimulus funding from 30% out-of-school youth expenditure requirement.	A waiver is needed as state youth funds will increase by an estimated 157% from current formula funds. This will allow the state to focus on implementing summer youth activities, which may serve a substantial number of in-school youth. The State will encourage service to out-of-school youth, especially since the age limit is 24 under the stimulus funds.
Exclude youth served under the summer stimulus funds from requirement of 10 program elements	Some youth served under the summer youth employment activity will only participate in the summer program and will thus be unable to receive all 10 program elements. Local areas will be encouraged, but not required, to transition these youth into the year-round program to the extent that resources and staffing allow.
Exclude youth served under the summer stimulus funds from the 12 month follow-up requirement	The stimulus legislation encourages local areas to serve a large number of youth under the summer youth employment activity, and some will only participate in this activity and not receive year round services. Due to the large number of youth anticipated to be served in the summer employment activity, it would be an additional administrative burden to require local WIBs to conduct 12 month follow-up in 2010 on such a large number of youth.
Allow for local formula funds for Incumbent Worker Training.	Current WIA statutory language only permits use of 10% State set-aside funds for Incumbent Worker training. This will allow the local areas to work with employers who are in need of additional training for their employees to prevent layoffs or closure.