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Georgia Association of Training, Employment and Supports



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## Budget ACTION ALERT



### **New Money for GVRA from House - need to hold in Senate**

by Dawn A. Randolph, MPA  
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#### **Crossover Day Looms**

This is the final week for bills in their original form to pass from the initiating chamber to the next. The focus this week will be on hot button legislative issues and the budget will take a back seat in terms of meetings. The General Assembly will be in chambers voting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Friday is scheduled as the 30th day and crossover day. Committees will meet Tuesday and Thursday to move out pending bills.

#### **Please keep the calls coming about the New Money**

#### **\$900,000 = Increase funds to assist training and employment support for Georgians with disabilities.**

This will pull down \$3,600,000 federal funds for a total of \$4,500,000. You can reference the [Senate Tracking Document](#) on page 35 line 197.7.

#### **Need Senate Support**

At this stage the Senate Human Development Subcommittee has stated it will not hold public hearings to take testimony from citizens. That is why it is very important to make calls into the Senators on the committee and Senate leadership.

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Special  
Announcements



**State Use  
Council**  
March 26, 2015  
Location: Sloppy  
Floyd Twin  
Towers, Capitol  
Square  
10:00 AM

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**Working  
Wonders  
Recognition**

## Our Message

The House has placed \$900,000 to assist training and employment support for Georgians with disabilities in the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency. Please support this \$900,000 for a 1:4 match to total \$4.5 million.

Please reach out to everyone by Friday of this week. If you have already called or emailed have a board member or client make a call.

### **Message:**

Your name/Your Org/Your phone number

*"We are very excited the House allocated additional funds toward assisting people with disabilities with training and employment supports in the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The \$900,000 in state funds will match federal dollars 1:4 and serve over 1,400 more Georgians, several hundred in our community. With the federal funding we will have a total of \$4.5 million to invest across Georgia in creating jobs and putting people to work."*

(Please include your community/organization specific message/contact info)

### **CALL Senate Approp Subcomm Human Development & Public Health**

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### **In addition we need to call the following members of the Senate Leadership**

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[Majority Leader Bill Cowser](#) (R-Athens)

## Luncheon

March 26, 2015  
Location: Empire  
Room Sloppy  
Floyd Twin  
Towers  
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