



Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Dear CEF Members:

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations mark-up on Friday morning** – Suddenly, there’s a lot of potential education-related action in Congress! The House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee is marking up its fiscal year (FY) 2019 funding bill on Friday at 9:30am in 2358-C Rayburn House Office Building. The markup will be [webcast](#). Democrats currently plan not to offer amendments at the Subcommittee and instead to wait until full Committee mark-up. [However, that plan could change after they meet tomorrow to discuss strategy](#). We expect the draft bill to be released tomorrow.
- **CEF letter opposing possible cut to allocation or rescission** – In light of ongoing discussions about how the House will offset the extra \$1.1 billion in the appropriations package it passed last week, [CEF sent the attached letter to the House Appropriations and Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee leaders opposing any possible cut in the bill’s allocation or rescission of already enacted funding](#). We’ve heard that the required savings of \$1.1 billion could come by reducing the allocation of a number of bills or by cutting just the allocation to the Labor-HHS-Education bill. It could also come from rescinding already enacted funding. After today, the House Appropriations Committee will have approved 9 of the 12 government funding bills, leaving only three bills whose funding could be cut in Committee to offset the \$1.1 billion overage, and one of those bills is the defense bill, which has virtually no non-defense discretionary funding to cut.
- Two notes on why the extra VA funding could be a problem. There are separate defense and non-defense discretionary caps set by law that together limit the total funding Congress can enact in the year – that total is the 302(a) allocation to the Appropriations Committee. First, a House member could raise a budgetary point of order against considering legislation that violates the 302(a) level, unless a House Rule waives that point of order. Because the 302(a) total isn’t reached until the last appropriations bill is considered, it wasn’t a problem for the appropriations “minibus” that Congress passed last week. Second, beyond the budgetary rules, enacting legislation that breaks the discretionary caps would trigger an automatic across-the-board sequester of all eligible funding in the category that is breached (defense or non-defense discretionary) sufficient to bring that category down to the cap. That discretionary sequester would occur after the 115th Congress adjourns.

•**Next week's education-related actions** – In addition to the appropriations action in the House, other legislation is percolating that could impact education funding:

- **House budget resolution mark-up possible**– House Budget Committee chairman Steve Womack (R-AR) is working on a FY 2019 budget resolution that could be marked up in Committee next week. The resolution would include reconciliation instructions to cut mandatory spending and possibly allow additional tax cuts (reconciliation protections create a fast-track procedure for specific legislation in the Senate that cannot be filibustered and therefore require only 50 votes to pass). However, for reconciliation protections to be in force, both the House and Senate would have to pass the same budget resolution containing those reconciliation instructions, and the Senate has given no sign that it plans to consider a budget resolution. Reconciliation instructions could lead to cuts in student loan spending, along with virtually all other mandatory spending except for Social Security.
- **Higher Education Act reauthorization less likely on House floor** – In the last week or so there has been a push to bring to the House floor the Republican reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, but that seems less likely now given the plans to debate immigration legislation. The House Education and the Workforce Committee marked up H.R. 4518 in December 2017, but the bill stalled after that due to concerns about various provisions from both sides of the aisle. The Senate HELP Committee Chair and Ranking Member have said they want to work on a bipartisan bill, but so far have not produced one.
- **Senate HELP Committee mark-up of Career and Technical Education reauthorization** – On Wednesday, June 20, at 10:30am the Senate HELP Committee is [scheduled to mark up several bills](#), including a yet-to-be-unveiled reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. It is also slated to consider the nomination of Scott Stump to be the Department of Education's Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, among other nominations. The House passed its reauthorization bill last summer, but Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) has objected to specific aspects, including how much authority the Secretary of Education would have to oversee the program. We noted last week that the Chairman said he wants a bipartisan bill, but if that is not possible, he will go ahead with his own bill next week.

II. Events

•**FRIDAY'S RESEARCH BRIEFING HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 23** – Because of the conflict with Friday morning's mark-up of the fiscal year 2019 education appropriations bill, we are rescheduling CEF's Friday morning research briefing and will not have a meeting this week. CEF's summer research briefing on "Paying for College: What the Federal Investment Means for Students and Universities" will now take place on Thursday, August 23, from 10-11:30 at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW). Speakers are:

- Justin Humphrey, Education Analyst, Congressional Budget Office
- Caitlin Morris, Policy and Research Director, Young Invincibles
- Jon Fansmith, Government Relations Director, American Council on Education

- *Moderator:* Stephen Payne, Assistant Director of Federal Relations, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)

●**Reminder: nominations for Gala honorees are due on Friday** – This is your chance to suggest a champion of education to receive an award at CEF’s annual gala on September 26. Past [awardees](#) comprise a bipartisan roster of those who have taken a lead in efforts to provide federal education funding, including Members of Congress from both parties, Administration officials, former staffers, as well as those working outside of government on initiatives that will help students and promote learning. We want awardees to represent the gamut of our members’ interests, and to help draw people to attend the gala, as well. I’ve attached a nomination form – please send nominations to Gala Committee co-chair Flannery Geoghegan at fgeogheg@usc.edu by this Friday, June 15.

●**CEF’s upcoming schedule** –

●**Friday, June 15, 9-11am:** NO CEF MEETING – this is a schedule change. The planned CEF Research briefing has been rescheduled for August 23.

●**Friday, June 22, 9-11am:** Quarterly Committee meetings at University of California, 1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW. Guest speaker: Brad Middleton, Education LA, Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) – note that the speaker is coming at 9:30am.

●**Friday, June 29, 9-11am:** at AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW. Guest speaker: Robin Juliano, House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee Democratic staff.

●**Friday, July 6:** No CEF meeting (Congress is in recess).

●**Friday, July 13, 9-11am:** at AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW. Guest speaker: Rebecca Howard, LA, Senator Doug Jones (D-AL).

●**Wed., July 18, 1pm-5pm:** CEF Hill Day.

●**Friday, July 20, 9-11am:** at AFSCME, 1625 L ST, NW, conference room. Guest speaker: Lakeisha Steele, LA, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR).

●**Friday, July 27, 9-11am:** at AFSCME, 1625 L ST, NW, conference room. Guest speaker: Moira Lenehan-Razzuri, LA, Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI).

●**Friday, August 3, 9-11am:** location TBD. Guest speaker: Vincent Sarubbi, LA, Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ).

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Committee for Education Funding
2018 Gala Award Nomination Form

Due by COB on June 15, 2018, to Flannery Geoghegan
Email: fgeogheg@usc.edu

Questions? Ask the Gala Committee co-chairs:
Ally Bernstein (ally@bsg-dc.com) and Flannery Geoghegan (fgeogheg@usc.edu)

CEF Member Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Award Nominee (Name & Title): _____

CEF Award Nomination (please mark one box):

Lifetime and Career Awards

	The Edward M. Kennedy Lifetime Advocacy Award: Generally reserved for Members of Congress retiring after a career of extraordinary advocacy on behalf of children and students.
	The Terrell H. Bell Award: For national leaders demonstrating outstanding advocacy of education as a congressional and federal priority.
	The James O'Hara Award: For Members of Congress demonstrating a life-long commitment and outstanding leadership in advocating for education as a congressional and national priority.
	Richard W. Riley Career Service Award: For those retiring from a career of national importance in supporting a better education for all.

Awards for Members of Congress

	The William H. Natcher Award: For distinguished service during this session of Congress in elevating the priority for education funding to ensure better opportunities for our nation's citizens
	Outstanding New Member Award: For demonstrating commitment to our nation's students by advocating education as an investment in the future.

Awards for Citizens, Staff, and Members of Congress

	Special Recognition Award: For outstanding dedication to the success of America's students and for making education a national priority.
	Charles Wilson Lee Citizen Service Award
	Staff Recognition Award: for Congressional staff

Summary Statement:

Please describe why you believe your nominee should receive an award. The Board of Directors will consider this statement in recommending a slate of awardees for approval by CEF's membership. Attach additional sheets if necessary.



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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen, Chairman
The Honorable Nita Lowey, Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
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House Appropriations Committee
2358-B Rayburn HOB
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen, Chairman Cole, Ranking Member Lowey, and
Ranking Member DeLauro:

On behalf of the 110 national education organizations and institutions that are members of the Committee for Education Funding (CEF), we write to urge you not to reduce the allocation for your fiscal year 2019 Labor-HHS-Education bill or rescind already appropriated funds in the bill to offset the extra \$1.1 billion the House approved last week that was above the allocation for Military Construction-Veterans Affairs funding. Any cuts to the bill's allocation, or rescission of previous funding, could jeopardize services that students, families, communities, and the economy rely on to succeed.

We appreciate your support for important education programs in the bill, and urge you not to cut the bill's already tight funding. Until last year, the Labor-HHS-Education bill had received only small percentage increases even though it funds an array of vital services, including education investments. For fiscal year 2019, it received no increase in its allocation despite the \$18 billion increase in the cap on non-defense discretionary funding. The bill accounts for more than 30 percent of all non-defense discretionary funding, so would have been in line for an increase of \$5.5 billion had the total non-defense discretionary increase been spread proportionately.

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CEF, the nation's oldest and largest education coalition, is a non-partisan organization reflecting the entire continuum of the education community. Our long-term "5¢ Makes Sense" campaign supports the goal of increasing education investments from the current two percent of the federal budget to five cents on the federal dollar. CEF urges you to continue efforts to increase education investments and invest resources where they are most needed. As you know, current federal education funding is still below the fiscal year 2011 level when adjusted for inflation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jeff Carter in black ink.

Jeff Carter
President

Handwritten signature of Sheryl Cohen in black ink.

Sheryl Cohen
Executive Director