



Tuesday, October 19, 2021

## I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Senate proposed education funding versus House-passed and President's request** – The attached CEF table compares education funding in the draft Senate fiscal year (FY) 2022 Labor-HHS-Education bill released yesterday with the levels in the House-passed bill and the President's FY 2022 request. As noted in the short analysis in the CEF Update #2 for 10.18.21, the Senate Appropriations Committee proposal provides \$4.4 billion less than the House and President's budgets for the Department of Education although it still provides a \$25.4 billion (35%) increase over the FY 2021 level. The Senate bill provides slightly smaller increases than the House for Head Start and the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and for the Library Services Technology Act, but those programs all get increases over the 2021 level. As you can see in the attached table, the areas where the Senate's proposal is lower than the House or the President's budget (shown in pink highlight) are scattered throughout the budget, with most of the difference in the size of the increase for Title I.
  - Overall, most post-secondary education funding in the Senate proposal is slightly less than the House level, although the maximum Pell grant receives the same \$400 increase and the Senate provides more than the House or the President for discretionary temporary support for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.
  - There are areas and programs where the Senate provides more funding than the House bill or the President's request (shown in green highlight), including for Impact Aid and several school improvement programs.
  - The one line-item that is cut – for Program Administration – reflects that the Senate bill moves program administration for the Institute of Education Science into its own new line, and does not reflect an overall cut to the Department's Program Administration funding.
- **Education earmarks** – The Senate bill has more earmarks than the House for higher education. Education earmarks are listed starting on pages 322-333 in the [explanatory statement here](#).

## II. Advocacy

- **CEF supports highest possible investment in education** – CEF will continue to advocate for the greatest overall investment along the education continuum, and not for specific increases for individual education programs. While there has been a general acknowledgement that the final FY 2022 appropriations level for more non-defense programs was likely to be lower than the levels in the President's budget (and for education, in the House-passed Labor-HHS-Education bill) because the final level for defense programs would be higher than the President requested, that doesn't stop the need for urging Congress to support the highest possible education funding. CEF will continue

to make the case that increased investments in education pay huge dividends, both immediately in terms of learning and teaching and in the long-term in terms of economic growth. The Senate's 35% increase for Education programs (plus increases for education-related programs in other agencies) would be historic, but not as good as the 41% increase for Education that the President requested for FY 2022 and that is provided in the House-passed bill.

- **Sample tweet in support of education investments** – Attached is an updated CEF chart showing the historic size of the possible FY 2022 Education funding increase compared with past education funding – both annual funding and emergency funding from the Great Recession and for COVID-relief in FY 2020 and 2021. Below is a sample tweet you could use urging Congress to support this necessary education investment.
  - Congress may provide a historic increase for education. The House passed the President's 41% increase & the Senate proposed a 35% increase. Urge your Members of Congress to support the largest possible #edfunding increase – use the @edfunding toolkit @ <https://tinyurl.com/pacre73j> [chart to attach: "2022 Could be Historic Education Funding – 10.19.21"]

### III. Events

- **CEF Hill briefing on Historic Underfunding of Education and Long-Term Needs on October 26** – CEF members and congressional education staffers are invited to a CEF Zoom briefing on Tuesday, October 26, from 2-3:30p.m. ET, highlighting the impact of past underfunding of education and the on-going need for greater education investments. [You must RSVP here in advance to get the webinar link.](#)

#### Panelists:

- [Averi Pakulis](#), VP for Early Childhood and Public Health Policy, First Focus Campaign for Children
  - [Michael Rice](#), State Superintendent, Michigan Department of Education
  - Additional panelists to be confirmed
- **Briefing on Leveraging Relationships for Student Connectedness, Engagement, and Achievement on October 27** – CEF member MENTOR and the [Congressional Youth Mentoring Caucus](#) are hosting a Congressional briefing on October 27 at 2pm ET to explore how mentoring relationships can address chronic absenteeism and improve other academic success metrics. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for the webinar.
  - **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
    - **Friday, Oct. 22** – 9:30 -10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
    - **Tuesday, Oct. 26** – 2-3:30 p.m. ET – Zoom Hill briefing on historic underfunding of education and long-term needs (see details above – [RSVP here](#) for webinar link).
    - **Friday, Oct. 29** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
    - **Friday, Nov. 5** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
    - **Friday, Nov. 12** – no CEF Friday meeting while Congress is in recess.