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I. Text and summary materials for House legislative text of White House's pared-back Build Back Better Act

- **White House releases framework and House releases revised text of Build Back Better reconciliation bill today** – LOTS of education funding news today that we can discuss at CEF's meeting tomorrow morning. The first Update from this today had information about the revised framework that the White House released, which contained only half the spending that was in the reconciliation proposals House committee put forward last month. This afternoon the House Rules Committee Democrats posted legislative text and a section-by-section of the revised bill (HR 5376) that follows the President's framework. The House Rules Committee is still meeting on the bill now. It's not clear when the House plans to vote on the reconciliation bill but it seems it will not be this week.
- **Key points –**
 - **This is not the final bill!** There may be a manager's amendment before the House votes on it and the Senate may also want different changes.
 - **The bill cuts specified funding for the Department of Education** from \$194 billion in the original House reconciliation bill to just \$21 billion, although the new total doesn't include the unspecified amount of higher education funding the original bill provided for free community college or for Pell grants, so this is not an apples-to-apples comparison (the original bill's higher education total was from a press release from the House Education and Labor Committee and not the sum of individual provisions).

The biggest drops in Education Department funding are:

- **School construction** - this bill does not include any funding for school construction; the original bill provided \$82 billion
- **Free community college** – this bill does not include any funding for a free community college program; the original bill did, which was likely a large portion of the original bill's funding for higher education
- **College retention and completion grants** – this bill provides \$500 million; the original bill provided \$9 billion
- **Career technical education** - this bill provides \$700 million; the original bill provided \$4 billion

- **Adult education and literacy** – this bill provides \$700 million; the original bill provided \$3.6 billion

Areas with increased funding compared with the original bill–

- **Higher education funding for HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs** – funding for institutional aid and for a research and development infrastructure grant increases from \$3.4 billion to \$9.0 billion in this bill
 - **Maximum Pell grant increases by \$550** – The original bill increased the maximum grant by \$500. This increase is on top of any increase provided in the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bills. The House-passed FY 2022 appropriations bill and the Senate proposal both include a \$400 increase in the maximum grant for next year, meaning a total \$950 increase for next year if these funding increases are enacted.
 - **Corporation for National and Community Service and apprenticeship programs in the Department of Labor**
- **CEF side-by-side table comparing education in original House reconciliation bill with today's modification** – [The attached CEF table shows which provisions have been cut or increased from the original reconciliation proposals that House committees approved to today's revised reconciliation bill.](#)
 - **Links to text and summaries** –
 - [Draft text of H.R. 5376, Build Back Better Act, posted at Rules Committee today](#)
 - [Section-by-Section for the draft text of H.R. 5376, Build Back Better Act, posted at Rules today, prepared by House Budget Committee](#)
 - **White House materials from today on the Build Back Better Framework** –
 - [Overview of Build Back Better Framework](#)
 - [Fact Sheet on Build Back Better Framework](#)
 - [Microsite on Build Back Better Framework](#)
 - Sarah