



Friday, July 24, 2020

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Senate relief bill in flux** – Senate Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) does not yet have agreement among Senate Republicans and the Administration on the “opening bid” for the Senate’s coronavirus relief package, so introduction of the bill or package of bills has been postponed until Monday at the earliest. This week there were many reports on the components of the draft bill, including the \$105 billion for education and \$15 billion for child care in emergency supplemental funding (see the CEF Update of July 23 for a breakdown of the funding). Until everything is settled, any of the provisions may change. And then negotiations will start with Democrats, so what is first introduced is not likely to be what is ultimately enacted.
- **House FY 2021 appropriations status** – Today the House is due to finish debate on a package of four fiscal year (FY) 2021 funding bills. Next week it plans to debate a second package of seven bills, including the Labor-HHS-Education funding bill and six other bills: Defense; Commerce-Justice-Science; Energy and Water; Financial Services and General Government; Homeland Security; and Transportation-HUD. That would leave just the Legislative Branch funding bill outstanding. The Senate has no plans to debate any FY 2021 funding bills before it recesses in August, leaving just a slim possibility that any Senate bills will see action before the start of the new fiscal year on October 1, in line with the long-held assumption that Congress will have to pass an extension of current funding – known as a continuing resolution (CR) – to keep the government running into the new fiscal year, and likely until after the November 3 election.
- **House FY 2021 Labor-HHS-Education bill and amendments** – House members filed 121 amendments to H.R. 7614, the FY 2021 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill approved by the House Appropriations Committee on July 13. The Rules Committee is meeting on Monday at 2pm to decide which amendments will be made in order to be considered on the House floor. Below are links to the bill text, Committee report that spells out assumptions for the funding, and CEF’s education funding table. I’ve also included links and a short description of the 19 education-related amendments.
 - **Labor-HHS-Education Committee Report** - [here](#)
 - **Bill text** (Labor-HHS-Education is Division F of the 7-bill package) - [here](#)
 - **CEF’s funding table** showing current and proposed funding levels for education programs - [here](#)

- **Education amendments** – The first list below includes amendments that increase or decrease funding for education or limit the use of education funding in the bill. The second list includes education-related amendments that do not result in a change in funding for the designated program, but that first increase and then decrease funding by the same amount to provide an opportunity to discuss a particular issue.

Education funding amendments:

Amendment #	Sponsor	Amendment text (link) and topic
#6, version 1	Rep. Susie Lee (NV)	Adds \$1 million to Full Service Community Schools, offset by cutting Departmental Management funds (no net change in ED funding)
#7, version 1	Rep. Katie Porter (CA)	Adds \$500,000 to Child Care Means Parents in School, offset by cutting Departmental Management funds
#53, version 1	Rep. Rick Allen (GA)	Cut funding for all programs by 5 percent
#57, version 1	Rep. Richard Hudson (NC)	Adds \$10 million to Impact Aid, offset by cutting the Bureau of Labor Statistics S&E fund
#82, version 1	Rep. Andy Levin (MI)	Adds \$3 million to ED Inspector General, offset by cutting DOL Office of Labor and Management
#83, version 1	Rep. Lori Trajan (MA)	Prohibits ED from transferring COVID-19 relief funds from public to private schools
#87, version 1	Rep. Jason Crow (CO)	Sets aside an additional \$1 million for Project Serv of funding provided for Innovation and Improvement
#92, version 1	Rep. Andy Levin (MI)	Adds \$40 million for IDEA, offset by cutting charter schools funding
#95, version 1	Rep. Andy Levin (MI)	Prohibits ED from using funds in this bill to set up and find private school vouchers (excludes current DC program)
#97, version 1	Rep. Pramila Jayapal (WA)	Prohibits ED from using funds in the bill to enforce its July 1 interim final rule directing CARES Act funds to private schools
#102, version 1	Rep. Lori Trahan (MA)	Prohibits funds in this act from being withheld from K-12 schools because they are not providing instruction in the school itself
#111, version 1	Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (CA)	Adds \$1 million for Statewide Family Engagement Centers, offset by cutting Departmental Management funds (no net change in ED funding)

Education amendments that don't change funding (funding is added and then deleted) but aim to focus attention on an area:

#8, version 1	Rep. Don Beyer (VA)	Adds and then cuts \$500,000 to highlight need for a GAO report on standardized tests for college admissions
#17, version 1	Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (TX)	Adds and then cuts \$10 million for services to college students at risk of not completing their degree
#30, version 1	Rep. Adriano Espaillat (NY)	Cuts then adds \$10 million for English Language Acquisition grants
#44, version 1	Rep. Ami Bera (CA)	Adds then cuts \$500,000 to direct ED to share best practices for offering online instruction
#46, version 1	Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA)	Adds then cuts \$1 million from Title IV-A to focus on dropout prevention programs
#55, version 1	Rep. Sean Maloney (NY)	Adds and then cuts \$10 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services to provide technology

II. Advocacy

- **Reminder: #HearOurEdStories campaign push next week** – We have updated CEF’s [#HearOurEdStories social media toolkit](#) and urge you to share it NOW with your Communications Director and membership networks to make next week “#HearOurEdStories” week on social media. (See the CEF Update on July 20 for full details, including sample tweets and charts.) Next week the House plans to consider the FY 2021 Labor-HHS-Education bill in an omnibus appropriations package and Congress will be working on another pandemic relief bill, so the time is right to emphasize the need for education funding. CEF’s updated [#HearOurEdStories social media toolkit](#) includes a focus on the extra costs and needs associated with going back to school this year. It provides the information needed for people to tell Members of Congress why increased education funding is so important.

III. Events

- **CEF’s schedule for the remainder of the summer** –
 - **Monday, July 27** – Weeklong renewed push on updated #HearOurEdStories social media campaign to focus on the issues of going “back to school” this fall.
 - **Friday, July 31** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: (tentative) Corey Linehan, Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE).
 - **August** – CEF meetings will take a break during the congressional recess.