



Tuesday, July 28, 2020

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Comparison of education funding in various COVID relief plan** – Attached is a side-by-side summarizing the education-related appropriations provisions in the enacted [CARES Act](#), the House-passed Heroes Act ([H.R. 6800](#)), the Senate Democratic proposal ([S. 4112](#), the Coronavirus Child Care and Education Relief Act), and the Senate Republican package announced yesterday, the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability protections, and Schools Act (HEALS Act). The matrix lists funding for state and local fiscal relief – funding that wouldn't all be used for education but that could be used for that purpose – along with funding for the Education Stabilization Fund created by the CARES Act within the Department of Education, other categorical education programs, child care, Head Start, libraries and museums, and workforce training. The biggest difference among the pending proposals is whether they provide state and local relief, the amount of education funding, and how the education funding is allocated – whether it is contingent upon schools providing in-person education, and how much funding private elementary and secondary schools could get. There are other provisions that affect students, schools, and colleges that are not on the matrix, such as whether the bill includes liability coverage from damages caused by reopening, student loan and other student aid provisions, waivers of federal education law, and maintenance of effort requirements for state and local funding.
- **FY 2021 Labor-HHS-Education FY 2021 bill on House floor this week** – The House Rules Committee is holding a hearing now ([webcast here](#)) on which of many amendments to allow when the House debates a seven-bill omnibus appropriations package later this week. The package will include the fiscal year 2021 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. The CEF Update on July 24 listed the 19 education-funding related amendments that House members filed, and included links to the legislative text of the bill and the amendments.

II. Advocacy

- **Reminder: #HearOurEdStories social media campaign this week** – We encourage CEF members to participate in #HearOurEdStories social media campaign this week and to share [the updated toolkit](#) with your membership networks media. (See the CEF Update on July 20 for full details, including sample tweets and charts.) This week the House will consider the FY 2021 Labor-HHS-Education bill in an omnibus appropriations package and Congress is 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

- **ACCT’s “Latest Action in Washington” webinar on July 30** – CEF member the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) is holding a webinar on Thursday, July 30, at 2pm ET, to discuss policy and funding issues of interest to community colleges and their students, including federal appropriations, pandemic responses, and regulatory action. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.
- **CEF’s schedule for the remainder of the summer –**
 - **This week is #HearOurEdStories week on social media** – Please join our #HearOurEdStories social media campaign July 27 through July 31. The [toolkit](#) is updated 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: Corey Linehan, Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE).
 - **Friday, August 7** -- 9:30-11:00 a.m. [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: TBD. (This is a newly added meeting.)
 - **August 14 through Labor Day** – CEF meetings will take a break during the congressional recess!