



Thursday, July 30, 2020

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Additional education funding amendment to the FY 2021 Labor-HHS-Education FY 2021 bill on House floor the rest of this week** – Yesterday’s CEF Update had a list of the education funding amendments that the Rules Committee made in order for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill that is part of a six-bill omnibus appropriations package the House will be considering starting today. (The full list of 340 amendments to the omnibus is [here](#), with the amendments to the Labor-HHS-Education bill starting on page 39.) My list yesterday inadvertently omitted education-related amendment:
 - #252, by Rep. Jackson Lee (TX) – no net funding change, but goal is to support programs that provide outreach and support services targeting program participants at greatest risk of not completing a college degree due to COVID-19 education disruption
- **House passes expansion of child care funding and tax benefits** – Yesterday the House passed two bills that would help child care providers and families with child care costs. [The first bill](#) provides \$50 billion in emergency funding for child care providers to help cover operating and reopening costs. [The second bill](#) expands the child and dependent care tax credit to make it fully refundable, cover up to 50 percent of the first \$6,000 in child care costs, and dramatically increase the income threshold at which the credit begins to phase out. It also provides an additional \$10 billion for the Child Care and Dependent Block Grant.
- **CEF Job Board** – CEF lists job announcements for its members on the member-only part of the CEF website (on the “Members” tab – if you don’t already have a password, fill in your work email address and create a password, and you will be approved within one work day pull down on the “Member log-in” . Don’t forget to check out the page, including the most recent listing:
 - **National PTA** – [Director of Government Affairs](#)

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

- **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.
 - **Tomorrow, 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 meeting was not on our original calendar.)
 - **August 14 through Labor Day** – CEF meetings will take a break during the congressional recess!