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COMMITTEE FOR  
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## I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Senate Appropriations Committee releases text and report for FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education bill –** The Senate Appropriations Committee just released a press release, bill text, and Committee report – without the funding table that says how much each program receives - for its fiscal year (FY) 2020 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill, which has not been marked up. Without the funding table, we won't be able to know how much each program gets, just how much each account gets. We will share a preliminary funding table showing what we can discern and our analysis as soon as we complete it, likely tomorrow. Meanwhile, you can find the materials at the links below:
  - [Committee report](#)
  - [Legislative text](#)
  - [Majority press release](#)
- **Things to keep in mind –** From what we can tell, there is a rescission of previously appropriated Pell grant funding. The press release says that the Department of Education (ED) gets \$71.4 billion, but I believe that does not include the rescission. Once that is counted in, the net FY 2020 level for ED is below the net \$70.8 billion that ED received for FY 2019; FY 2019 included a rescission of \$600 million of previously appropriated Pell grant funds.
- **CEF letter to Senators opposing the freeze for Labor-HHS-Education –** Yesterday CEF sent a [letter to all Senators](#) expressing our opposition to the Appropriations Committee's party-line vote to freeze funding for this bill and asking the Senate to revise the allocations to provide at least its proportional share of the net \$27 billion increase in NDD funding that Congress enacted for FY 2020. Appropriations Chairman Shelby apparently is willing to consider revising the allocations.

## II. CEF Gala and Legislative Conference today

- **The gala and conference are today!** – We look forward to seeing attendees today!