What’s Happening In DC?

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Agenda

- Current Congress
- Funding
- Congressional Activity
- Other Items of Interest
- New Early Childhood Bill
- Advocacy Charge
Remember....

Politics

Policy
116th Congress

- First Session Convened - January 2019
- Reconvened After August recess
- On 2-week recess now
- Second Session - January 2020
- Election - November 2020
  (President, House and 1/3 Senate)
- Inauguration and 117th Congress Convenes January 2021
The U.S. Senate
45 Democrats
53 Republicans
2 Independents

The U.S. House of Representatives
235 Democrats
200 Republicans
The 116th Congress

Senate

Sen. Mitch McConnell
KY Majority Leader, Republican

Sen. Chuck Schumer,
NY Minority Leader, Democrat

House

Rep. Nancy Pelosi
CA Speaker of the House, Democrat

Rep. Kevin McCarthy
CA Minority Leader, Republican
Committee Membership

- House - 20 standing committees, 95 subcommittees, and one non-standing committee.
- Senate - 36 standing committees, 67 subcommittees, and five non-standing committees

- Senate [Committee on Appropriations](https://appropriations.house.gov/)
- [https://appropriations.house.gov/](https://appropriations.house.gov/)
- [U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions](https://help.senate.gov/) HELP
- [U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor](https://education.house.gov/)
The 116th Congress

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions

Education & Labor Committee
Chairman Bobby Scott

Sen. Lamar Alexander TN
Chairman, Republican

Sen. Patty Murray WA
Ranking Member, Democrat

Rep. Virginia Foxx, NC
Ranking Member, Republican

Rep. Bobby Scott VA
Chair, Democrat
Education Accounts for Less Than 2% of All Federal Spending

SOURCE: CEF based on FY2020 OMB Budget
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Where Are We Now?

- Federal Fiscal Year 2020 began October 1, 2019
- House-passed bill provides a 6.6% ($11.8 billion) increase over the FFY 2019 level
- Senate bill provides 1.04% increase over the FY 2019
- Continuing Resolution (CR) keeps the government in operation until November 21\textsuperscript{st}
- These IDEA funds will be allocated to states in July 2020
Proposed House Education Increases

- **Title I ESSA** is increased by $1 billion to $16.9 billion
- **IDEA Part B 611** is increased by $1 billion to $13.4 billion
- **Special Olympics** education programs is increased by $3.5 million to $21 million
- **Part C** of IDEA is increased by $21 million to $491 million
- **619 Preschool** is increased by $12 million to $403 million
- **Title II of ESSA** is increased by $500 million to $2.6 billion
- **21st Century Community Learning Centers** would be increased to $1.3 billion
Proposed Health and Human Services (HHS) Increases

- $705 million for **Title V MCH Block Grant** (a $27.3 million increase)
- $130.5 million for **Healthy Start**: (a $8 million increase)
- $7.676 billion for **CCDBG** (a $2.4 billion increase)
- $11.563 billion for **Head Start** (a $1.5 billion increase)
- $350 million for **PDGs** (a $100 million increase)
- $41.6 million for **University Centers or Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDs)** (a $1 million increase)
Senate Bill

Senate Appropriations Committee current funding proposal for Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies for FFY 2020.

- $470 million for IDEA Part C, *same as FFY 2019*
- $391 million for IDEA Part B, Sec. 619, *same as FFY 2019*;
- $5.3 billion for CCDBG, *increase of $25 million over FFY 2019*;
- $10.1 billion for Head Start, *increase of $50 million over FFY 2019*;
- $250 million for PDG B-5, *same as FFY 2019*;
- $678 million for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, *same as FFY 2019*
In Case you Were Wondering…. Will We Reauthorize IDEA Soon?
What’s OVERDUE?

- IDEA
- Higher Education Act
- Education Sciences Reform Act
- Head Start Act
CAPTA Reauthorization
Passed House

Current law:

• (xxi) provisions and procedures for referral of a child under the age of 3 who is involved in a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect to early intervention services funded under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.);

House bill (HR 2480)

• “(viii) the State’s plan to ensure each child under the age of 3 who is involved in a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect will be referred to the State’s child find system under section 635(a)(5) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(5)) in order to determine if the child is an infant or toddler with a disability (as defined in section 632(5) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1432(5)));
The Resilience Investment, Support, and Expansion (RISE) from Trauma Act

- Bipartisan bicameral legislation to increase support for children who have been exposed to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and trauma, such as witnessing violence, parental addiction, or abuse.

- The *RISE from Trauma Act* would expand and support legislation from last year (SUPPORT ACT) to support trauma-informed workforce in schools, health care settings, social services, first responders, and the justice system, and increase resources for communities to address the impact of trauma.
The President Signs Autism CARES Act

• The Senate passed the Autism CARES Act, H.R. 1058
• The House had passed the same 5-year reauthorization
• Funding for research, prevalence tracking, screening, professional training and other government activities
• Emphasizes needs of individuals with autism of all ages including adding the phrase “across the lifespan”
• Increases self-advocates, parents and autism group representatives on federal autism advisory panel, from two to three each

Requires a report to Congress
Family to Family Health Information Centers

- Family-to-Family Reauthorization Act of 2019 (H.R. 2822)
- Bipartisan bill extends funding for Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (F2Fs) for additional five years, through federal FFY’24, at current level $6 million per year
- House and Senate have both passed bill to fund F2Fs for five more years at the current level of $6 million per year.
- Learn more about Family to Family Health Information Centers and find your state affiliate.
- Also requires the establishment of F2Fs for territories and tribes.
- Awaiting Presidential signature
Higher Education Act Reauthorization

**House:**
- Oct. 15: Reintroduction of the *Aim Higher Act* (updated bill will be made available for about 2 weeks prior to mark-up)
- Mark-up in late October/early November
- Chair Scott (D-VA) goal is a House floor vote before holiday recess

**Senate:**
- Chair Alexander (R-TN) and Ranking Member Murray (D-WA) have suspended bipartisan negotiations.
- Chair Alexander has introduced a **limited** package
IDEA Part B Full Funding Bill Introduced

- Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) – original sponsor introduced the IDEA Full Funding Act, S. 866 – March 3, 2019. (bipartisan, bicameral bill)
- Representative Jared Huffman (D-CA) original sponsor introduced the IDEA Full Funding Act H.R. 1878 – March 26, 2019. (bipartisan, bicameral bill)
- Provides mandatory funding that puts federal government on a 10-year glide path to reach the 40% of the additional costs associated with educating students with disabilities.
- Currently, the federal government funding is at approximately 16% of those additional costs.
- Supports Part B 611 increases only – Part B 619 – Preschool, Part C and Part D are not included in the bill.
Our Dream ……Our Charge

How can these policies and increased funding support our shared vision of full participation for all young children in inclusive early care and learning community settings?
"Child Care for Working Families Act”  
Reintroduced in March 2019

• Senator **Patty Murray** (WA-D) S 568  
  (34 co-sponsors)
  • https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/568/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22congressId%3A116+AND+billStatus%3A%5C%22Introduced%5C%22%5D%7D&r=5

• Representative **Bobby Scott** (VA-D) H.R. 1364  
  (156 co-sponsors)
Outline of the Bill

- Title I – Child Care and Development Assistance
- Title II – High Quality Preschool
- Title III – Head Start Expanded Duration
- Title IV – Appropriations for Supports and Services for Inclusive Child Care for Infants, Toddlers, and Children with Disabilities – Part C and Preschool 619
- Title V - Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

Needs Strong Bipartisan Support
B-5 Preschool Development Grants

- Enacted under ESSA.
- Last year 46 states/territories were awarded between $538,000 and $10,620,000.
- Coordinated by ACF/HHS and Department of Education.
- Grants fund states to conduct comprehensive statewide needs assessment followed by in-depth strategic planning for enhanced community services.

Grant period is through December 30, 2019.
B-5 Preschool Development Grants

• Renewal applications announced due November 5, 2019
• “the PDG B-5 Renewal Grants will assist states in helping low-income and disadvantaged children to enter kindergarten prepared to succeed. ...”
• Overall responsibility of the PDG B-5 Renewal Grant to assist states in the coordination of existing early childhood funding streams, resulting in services being provided to more children birth through five in a mixed delivery system.”
• 23 awards are expected from $5 million to $15 million.
U.S. Department of Education
Early Learning

- Dept of Education's Early Learning Web Page.
  - https://www2.ed.gov/about/initiatives/ed/earlylearning/index.html

- Monthly email newsletter available – you can subscribe at the bottom of web page
What’s Else Is Planned?

• Respond, Innovate, Succeed, and Empower (RISE) Act
• Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program
• Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act, or FAMILY Act
• Keeping All Students Safe Act
• Tax Reform
• Health Care and Medicaid
• Immigration
• Prescription Drugs
• Gun Safety
• Student College Debt
• Assistive Technology Act
Exciting News! New Bill!

- Part C and Preschool 619 Programs serve over 1.16 million children, about double the number served in 1991.
- Part C serves over 720,000 children in full year cumulative count – about double the single day count.
- Federal funding has not kept pace; continuing decrease in federal per child funding (Part C $650 per child; 619 $506 per child).
- Resulting in significantly increased fiscal burden on state and local budgets.
HR 4107 “Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA Act”

- Establishes glide path of increasing authorization levels for IDEA Part C and Part B 619 Preschool
- Amounts are based on restoring the highest per child funding levels with inflation considered
- The bill is parallel to the Part B Full Funding Act efforts
- Mark DeSaulnier (CA-D) and Rodney Davis (IL-R) introduced the House bill
- Discussions are occurring to secure sponsors in Senate
Section 619(j) is amended to read as follows:

(i) For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are authorized to be appropriated:

• $537,300,000 for fiscal year 2020
• $683,500,000 for fiscal year 2021
• $829,700,000 for fiscal year 2022
• $975,900,000 for fiscal year 2023
• $1,220,000,000 for fiscal year 2024
Section 644 is amended to read as follows:

(i) For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are authorized to be appropriated:

- $722,200,000 for fiscal year 2020
- $974,800,000 for fiscal year 2021
- $1,227,400,000 for fiscal year 2022
- $1,480,000,000 for fiscal year 2023
- $1,731,000,000 for fiscal year 2024
TELL YOUR LEGISLATORS WHAT ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU!

- Take action on the latest legislation concerning children and youth with exceptionalities and the professionals who work on their behalf.
- Lookup your elected officials and candidates by simply typing in your zip code.
- Learn more about special education policy on the “Issues” pages.
- Send a letter to Congress on key policy issues: Register for email alerts!

http://cqrcengage.com/cek/home
Tell Congress to Cosponsor
Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA!

#FundEarlyChildhoodIDEA
“A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead