

May 2018 Federal Update

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Questions will be taken at the end of the presentation.

2018: Midterm Election Year

The President's FY19 Budget Request

POTUS FY 2019 Budget Request

According to the Department's [fact sheet](#), the president's [education budget](#) features six major themes:

- Providing better choices for more families to attend a high-quality school.
- Supporting high-quality special education services to children with disabilities.
- Creating new and alternative pathways to successful careers for students.
- Promoting innovation and reform around STEM education.
- Implementing school-based opioid abuse prevention strategies.
- Making the Department more efficient while limiting the Federal role in education.

Programs Important to Educator Preparation

Program

FY19 Budget Request

ESSA Title II-A State Grants

Eliminated

Teacher Quality Partnership Grants

Eliminated

School Leader Recruitment and Support

Eliminated

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

Eliminated via phase-out process

Federal Work-Study

Cut by \$483 million (addendum)

Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED)

Eliminated

Teacher and School Leader Incentive Grants

Eliminated

TEACH Grants

Funded (discretionary portion)

Pell Grants

Expands eligibility to short-term programs.

Institute for Education Sciences

Cut by \$79.6 million

Eliminates funding for Regional Education Laboratories (RELs) and statewide longitudinal data systems.

Rural Education Achievement Program

Matches FY17 funding levels

Special Education Personnel Preparation

Matches FY17 funding levels

Resources on the Budget Request

For further details, see these links from the U.S. Department of Education:

- [FY19 Budget Request - Main Page](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [Summary and Background Information](#)
- [Budget Justifications for U.S. Congress](#) (recommended resource with detailed information, data, and rationales)
- [Budget Table](#)

Office of Management and Budget full budget:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/>

FY19 Budget Resolution?

No FY19 Budget Resolution

- Overall levels were agreed to in the deal to raise the caps that was signed into law on February 8, 2018.
- Republicans are not looking to use reconciliation as a process to move legislation this year - wanting to return to regular order as it is an election year.

Key to be still worked out are what's known as the 302b's – the allocations to each of the 12 appropriations bills, taking into account the increases from the deal to raise the caps. Labor-H has yet to receive it's fair share of the increase for non-defense discretionary funds (31%) from all the previous budget deals.

Rescission Package: Cut \$15 b

Rescission Package Overview

The [Rescission Package](#):

- **Children's Health Insurance Program:** \$7 billion, including \$5 billion in lapsed funds and \$2 billion from a contingency fund.
- \$4.3 billion from the **Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing program.**
- \$523 million from the **Energy Department's Title 17 Loan Guarantee program.**
- \$800 million from the **Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation.**
- \$252 million from funds to address the **2015 Ebola outbreak.**
- \$133 million from the **Railroad Unemployment Insurance Extended Benefits** that expired in 2012.
- \$148 million from **funds for inspections relating to animal disease outbreaks that have been resolved.**
- \$107 million from **Hurricane Sandy technical assistance.**

In the Weeds Time

- **Changes In Mandatory Program Spending** (CHIMPS) via CHIP program has a potential impact on the Labor-H bill and therefore on education spending...

SIDE NOTE:

The Administration has said that it intends to send another rescission package looking specifically at spending in the omnibus UNLESS this initial package fails to receive congressional approval.

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2019 Underway

Chairmen Shelby & Frelinghuysen wish to return to regular order for FY19.

- Chairman Shelby (R-AL) just took the reigns of the Senate Appropriations Committee upon the retirement of Senator Cochran (R-MS)
- Chairman Frelinghuysen (R-NJ-11) is retiring at the end of the Congress.

Key to keep in mind:

It is a mid-term election year.

The Labor-H Bill Outlook

The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (Labor-H) Bill Outlook:

HOUSE: Could see a bill much like last year, which was \$5b below the cap and cut many programs important to educator preparation. Topline number (302b) has not yet been announced

SENATE: Chairman Blunt has stated the Labor-H bill will get \$2b increase – but most expect that to go to the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Markup Schedule?

The House generally moves Labor-H as one of the last bills since it is one of the most contentious bills. We expect to see action in mid-late June.

The Senate has released its schedule and the Labor-H and Defense approps bills will most through subcommittee and full committee markup the week of June 25.

FLOOR TIME?

Who knows.

FY19: An Election Year Outlook

- Every attempt will be made to reach regular order
- Markup of all 12 bills a potential before August Recess at subcommittee and full committee levels
- Floor time in either the House or Senate hard to predict; by design the House can move much more quickly than the Senate...*Threats in the Senate to skip August recess...*
- The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Related Agencies has not been considered on the Floor since 2007, so hard to imagine this happening in an election year BEFORE the election.
- Crystal Ball: Most likely a CR through December or into early 2019. The path forward on each bill is hard to discern.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Where Are We Now?

Implementing the repeal of DACA has been stalled by the courts.

DACA is now caught up in election-year horse trading and consternation...could be good or bad. Moderate House Republicans are [attempting to force a vote](#) on DACA legislation, much to the disapproval of House Republican leadership; warning it could cost them the majority in the midterm elections.

Only time will tell; things are shifting almost daily.

Concerns that renewals will be “slow-walked”

Higher Education Act Reauthorization

The 115th Congress: HEA Reauthorization

Where are We Now?

Chairwoman Foxx (House): A partisan bill has moved through committee & she is seeking Floor time for the measure as soon as possible.

Chairman Alexander (Senate) is looking at having a bill out at some point.

The election year could factor in to the depth and breadth of the reauthorization – 7/11 Dems on HELP are up for re-election in 2018.

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce

The PROSPER Act: Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform Act

Introduced by Chairwoman Foxx and cosponsored by Chair Guthrie on December 1, 2017.

[Full Bill Text](#) (as introduced)

[GOP Summary](#)

Democratic Topic-Based Summaries:

- [For-Profit Colleges](#)
- [Student Loans](#)
- [Pell Grants](#)
- [Risk-Sharing & Equity](#)

[Full Committee Markup](#): December 12, 2017

For Educator Preparation

- Complete repeal of Title II of current law
 - Teacher Quality Partnership Grants
 - Title II Data Reporting
 - Requirement that states hold teacher prep accountable
 - Other programs that have never been funded
- Ends the TEACH grants as of July 1, 2018
- Ends teacher loan forgiveness, loan forgiveness in areas of national need, and the public service loan forgiveness programs

Next Steps: House

Chairwoman Foxx is working with House leadership to secure Floor time for the measure this spring.

There is not a lot of room for amendments for various technical reasons. Members will offer amendments, but the real question is will they be made in order & therefore considered.

Keep in mind, this is relatively early in a very long process.

Stay Tuned & Be Ready to Engage!

Threats Abound

The Republican Caucus is meeting on May 23 and the PROSPER Act is supposedly on the agenda to be discussed in the context of bringing the bill to the Floor.

Given that the Leadership brought the Farm bill to the Floor understanding that it could go down (voted down/failed vote) we could see the PROSPER Act move to the Floor...

Time will tell.

Next Steps: Senate

Hearings started on 1/18 and continued through the end of February.

Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray put out a request for feedback on what the reauthorization should look like with a deadline of February 23, 2018.

Chairman Alexander would like to have a bill out at some point.

It is unclear if the process will be partisan or bipartisan, and that is exacerbated by 2018 being an election year.

Title II of the Higher Education Act : EPRA

The [Educator Preparation Reform Act](#) is a bill that has been re-introduced in multiple congresses and reauthorizes Title II of the Higher Education Act.

Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) introduced S.1694 in the Senate, and Representative Ruben Kihuen (D-NV) introduced H.R. 3636 in the House just before August recess.

[Download](#) a summary document on EPRA to get more details and to share with elected officials.

Currently we are doing *targeted outreach* via the Action Alerts to get Republican cosponsors on the Senate version of EPRA.

Be sure to sign up for the [AACTE Action Alerts](#) to engage on this & other matters!

Net Neutrality

The End of Net Neutrality?

On December 14, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission voted to **end the “net neutrality” rule** along party lines. The rule has been in place since 2015.

“Net neutrality” prevents internet service providers from blocking or privileging lawful content on the internet; ending it could lead to a tiered system of access whereby there are requirements to pay more to get fast access and high quality access, or even more open access.

The matter is currently in the courts, which is why we’ve not seen things change.

What is Net Neutrality?

A QUICK REMINDER

What is net neutrality?

All traffic on the internet should be treated equally.

NO BLOCKING

Your internet access provider (IAP) cannot block you from accessing legal content of your choice.

NO THROTTLING

Your IAP cannot intentionally throttle legal internet traffic to slower speeds than other traffic.

NO PAID PRIORITIZATION

Your IAP cannot sell 'fast lane' service to content providers who can pay more than others.



What Net Neutrality Maintains & What's to Come

NET NEUTRALITY

- » All internet service providers (ISPs) must allow equal access to apps & content, regardless of source



WITHOUT NET NEUTRALITY

- » ISPs can block any apps that compete with their products
- » ISPs can block any content they don't like
- » Pay TV-style internet bundles, higher prices & slower speeds (or worse) for your favourite sites



As the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the US gets ready to overturn net neutrality, **India still remains net neutral**

Net Neutrality

ALL USERS DESERVE EQUAL ACCESS TO ONLINE INFORMATION REGARDLESS OF THE CARRIER OR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER (ISP) USED.

EQUAL LANES



DEFAULT "FAST LANES" FOR GLOBAL ENTERPRISES RESULTS IN "SLOW LANES" FOR EVERY SMALL BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY THE ELITE TOLLS.

FAST LANE

FAST LANE

SLOW LANE

**CAUTION
DECREASE SPEED**



Net Neutrality – Potential Implications for K-12

- Impede the strides in the provision of high-speed connectivity to all schools
- Inhibiting online course delivery or prioritizing one company or provider of content over another
- Impairing technology for student assessments and personalized instruction
- Curtailing access for students with disabilities and English learners
- Rural and low-income schools would be disproportionately impacted
- E-rate program in jeopardy (supports connectivity to schools & libraries)

Net Neutrality – Potential Implications for Higher Ed

- Impede capacity to do research (cost of fast lanes, access to data, blocked websites, and so on)
- Impede or impact the ability to provide online learning or to access to content or prioritizing one or more providers over others
- Impact student access for both personal and coursework / educational uses
- Blocked content could impede abilities of faculty, staff and students to conduct research
- Affect overhead costs on grants
- Affect or impact the cost of higher education

Senate has Moved Net Neutrality CRA

- On May 16, the Senate voted in support of the CRA resolution to maintain the net neutrality rule!
- Key to note: Three Republicans voted in support of the CRA resolution –

Collins (ME)

Murkowski (AK)

Kennedy (LA)

And all the Democratic Senators
Vote Results: 52 to 47

AACTE Action Alert – Net Neutrality

The AACTE Action Alert will now focus on the House Joint Resolution ([H.J.Res.131](#)) to use the Congressional Review Act to rescind the action by the FCC.

Right now there are no Republicans on the House measure and not every House Democrat is on the House Joint Resolution.

We ***need*** to get some Republicans on this resolution – as well as the rest of the Dems.

Take action and ask your elected official to cosponsor this measure! <http://bit.ly/NetNeutrality4Edu>

**Do Not Forget:
Your VOICE Can Make a Difference!**

IMPORTANT BACKGROUND WORK FOR YOUR ADVOCACY

Please be sure to do the following as you engage in advocacy:

- Check your **faculty/staff handbook** to be clear on the guidelines to advocating using your title and institutional address.
- Connect with your **institution's government relations staff** to coordinate and collaborate in your efforts. You don't want to inadvertently cause problems with your institution's efforts and agenda.

Remember, you can always advocate as a private citizen, not using your title, institutional address & email.

Please Sign Up for the AACTE Action Alerts

Remember, this is not limited to AACTE members – your campus and national colleagues, your PK-12 partners, your students, your family & friends can all participate!

Please help spread the word!

<http://bit.ly/ActionAlertSignup>



Your Actions and Engagement

May 2018 Key Advocacy Actions

Connect with your institutional government relations (GR) staffer/staff to be a resource for HEA reauthorization - if you have not already!

Work with your GR staff to invite your elected officials (state and/or federal) to visit your programs during congressional/legislative recesses.

Engage in the [Net Neutrality Action Alert](#)
Be ready for a PROSPER Act Action Alert

Sign up for [AACTE Action Alerts](#) if you have not and explore the [AACTE Advocacy Center!](#)

May 2018 Key Advocacy Actions

AACTE is a member of the [Committee for Education Funding \(CEF\)](#)

CEF has started a social media campaign
#HearOurEdStories

They are collecting videos of faculty, staff, and students who benefit from federal funding. Check out [the toolkit](#).

Need ideas or key talking points to have in your video? Email gra@aacte.org

Highlight your TQP, TEACH grants & other federally funded programs & research!

AACTE's Washington Week June 3-6, 2018

- [Holmes Summer Policy Institute](#)
- [State Leaders Institute](#)
- [Day on the Hill](#) (June 5-6)

Exciting Change to DOTH!

We will have two tracks for participants for part of the orientation day:

- A. *New to Day on the Hill or want to polish up your skills*
- B. *Those with extensive advocacy experience*

Online Registration CLOSES on Friday May 25

Onsite Registration will be available

Secure Your Spot Now!

Bring students and K-12 colleagues!

AACTE Washington Week – Items to Note

- State Leaders Institute and Day on the Hill are open to AACTE members *and* non-members alike (**if you are attending both you get a discount!**)
- Holmes Scholars attend the Summer Policy Institute get to attend Day on the Hill for free (*But you still must register for Day on the Hill on the AACTE website*)

Agendas are available on the Washington Week [website](#).

See you in June!

Resources For YOU

[Advocacy Center](#)

Advocacy Guides – **NEW Guide on Congress.gov!**

AACTE Action Alerts

Blogs – [Ed Prep Matters](#)

Tweets - @AACTE, @Koolbeck

Websites on [state](#) and [federal](#) policy

Monthly Federal update [webinars](#)

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