

April 2019 Federal Update

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Questions will be taken at the end of the presentation.

The 116th Congress

The U.S. House of Representatives

The Democrats control the House.

Democratic Members: 235

Republican Members: 198

2 Open Seats

U.S. Senate

The Republicans control the Senate.

Republican Members: 53

Democratic Members: 45

Independent Members: 2

Recall Independents currently caucus with the Democratic Senate Members.

Leadership of the House

Speaker – Rep. Nancy Pelosi (CA)

Majority Leader – Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (MD)

Majority Whip – Rep. James Clybourn (SC)

Assistant Democratic Leader Rep. Ben Ray
Lujan (NM)

Minority Leader – Rep. Kevin McCarthy (CA)

Minority Whip – Rep. Steve Scalise (LA)

Senate Leadership

Republican

Majority Leader: Sen. Mitch McConnell (KY)

Majority Whip: Sen. John Thune (SD)

Democratic

Minority Democratic Leader: Sen. Charles Schumer (NY)

Minority Democratic Whip: Sen. Dick Durbin (IL)

Assistant Democratic Leader: Sen. Patty Murray (WA)

Key Committees

Authorizing Committees

United States House of Representatives

Membership of House Committee on Education and Labor

Democratic members (28)

- [Robert C. "Bobby" Scott](#) *Chair*
- [Alma Adams](#)
- [Mark Takano](#)
- [Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan](#)
- [Kim Schrier](#)
- [Donna Shalala](#)
- [Haley Stevens](#)
- [Donald Norcross](#)
- [Lori Trahan](#)
- [David Trone](#)
- [Lauren Underwood](#)
- [Susan Wild](#)
- [Frederica S. Wilson](#)
- [Ilhan Omar](#)
- [Joseph Morelle](#)
- [Marcia Fudge](#)
- [Suzanne Bonamici](#)
- [Joaquin Castro](#)
- [Joe Courtney](#)
- [Susan Davis](#)
- [Mark DeSaulnier](#)
- [Raul Grijalva](#)
- [Josh Harder](#)
- [Jahana Hayes](#)
- [Pramila Jayapal](#)
- [Susie Lee](#)
- [Andy Levin](#)
- [Lucy McBath](#)

Republican members (22)

- [Virginia Foxx](#) *Ranking Member*
- [Phil Roe](#)
- [Francis Rooney](#)
- [Lloyd Smucker](#)
- [Elise Stefanik](#)
- [Glenn Thompson](#)
- [Van Taylor](#)
- [William Timmons](#)
- [Tim Walberg](#)
- [Mark Walker](#)
- [Steve Watkins](#)
- [Rick Allen](#)
- [Jim Banks](#)
- [Bradley Byrne](#)
- [Benjamin Lee "Ben" Cline](#)
- [James Comer Jr.](#)
- [Russ Fulcher](#)
- [Dan Meuser](#)
- [Glenn Grothman](#)
- [Brett Guthrie](#)
- [Dusty Johnson](#)
- [Ronald Wright](#)

United States Senate

Membership of Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Members, 2019-2020

Democratic members (11)

Republican members (12)

- [Patty Murray](#) *Ranking Member*
- [Doug Jones](#)
- [Tina Smith](#)
- [Maggie Hassan](#)
- [Tim Kaine](#)
- [Elizabeth Warren](#)
- [Christopher S. Murphy](#)
- [Tammy Baldwin](#)
- [Bob Casey Jr.](#)
- [Bernie Sanders](#)
- [Jacky Rosen](#)

- [Lamar Alexander](#) *Chairman*
- [Mike Braun](#)
- [Mike Enzi](#)
- [Mitt Romney](#)
- [Tim Scott](#)
- [Lisa Murkowski](#)
- [Pat Roberts](#)
- [Bill Cassidy](#)
- [Susan Collins](#)
- [Rand Paul](#)
- [Johnny Isakson](#)
- [Richard Burr](#)

Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education And Related Agencies

U.S. House of Representatives

House Appropriations Labor-H Subcommittee

Rosa DeLauro, Chairwoman

Lucille Roybal-Allard

Barbara Lee

Mark Pocan

Katherine Clark

Lois Frankel

Cheri Bustos

Bonnie Watson Coleman

Tom Cole, Ranking Member

Andy Harris

Jaime Herrera Beutler

John Moolenaar

Tom Graves

U.S. Senate

Senate Labor-H Subcommittee

Roy Blunt, Chairman

Richard Shelby

Lamar Alexander

Lindsey Graham

Jerry Moran

Shelly Moore Capito

John Kennedy

Cindy Hyde-Smith

Marco Rubio

James Lankford

Patty Murray, Ranking Member

Richard Durbin

Jack Reed

Jeanne Shaheen

Jeff Merkley

Brian Schatz

Tammy Baldwin

Chris Murphy

Joe Manchin

US Landscape Since 2018 Election

The Governors

Governors

There were 36 states with gubernatorial elections in 2018.

The results:

23 states have Democratic governors

27 states have Republican governors

Trifectas

Governor, State House and State Senate of the same party

14 Dem (gain of 6)

23 GOP (loss of 3)

Divided Government 13 (loss of 3)

State Legislatures

State Legislatures: 2018 Results

Chambers:

Republicans control 62

Democrats control 37

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23 GOP (loss of 3)

Divided Government 13 (loss of 3)

Why Does This Matter?

2020 is a CENSUS YEAR

Who draws your state and federal districts?

WA, ID, NJ – Politically appointed commission

CA, AZ – Independent commission

VT, DE, MT, ND, SD, WY, AK Single district states

Everyone Else:

State legislature, some with gubernatorial approval

Key to Note

Not only is 2020 a Census Year, but it is also a Presidential election year.

What does this mean?

Actions taken are about the 2020 election, and setting things up for victory.

President's FY20 Budget Request

President's FY20 Request: U.S. Department of Education

- Focus on education freedom, elevating the teaching profession, supporting vulnerable students, promoting safe and secure schools, promoting workforce development, and streamlining postsecondary aid
- Cuts budget \$8.5b
- Cuts 29 programs – including TQP, Title II ESSA, and more (very much like FY19 request)
- Includes short-term program eligibility for Pell
- Consolidates TRIO and Gear-Up programs, and cuts them by one-third
- Congress has not responded well to this request

Resources

U.S. Department of Education Budget Request

[Press Release](#)

[The FY 2020 Education Budget Summary and Background Information](#) [FY 2020 Justifications of Appropriations Estimates to the Congress](#)
[FY 2020 Budget](#)

&

[The President's FY 2020 Budget for the entire United States Government](#)

Appropriations

Raising the Caps for FY20?

Recall that each year since the 2011 Budget Control Act, Congress has raised the caps set in the BCA for both non-defense and defense discretionary funds.

The last bill raised the caps for FY18 & FY19.

If the caps are not raised again, then we are looking at a \$54b cut to non-defense discretionary dollars.

There is conversation and concern around raising the caps for FY20 & FY21.

The Appropriations Process...

Currently no Budget Resolution setting topline spending numbers and allocating to the 12 subcommittees.

House has moved forward with a “deeming resolution” to allow the work to begin.

Questions unfolding:

Earmarks return in the House?

House timeline – aggressive!

Senate??

U.S. Department of Education Action

Negotiated Rulemaking

U.S. Department of Education announced the creation of a negotiated rulemaking committee on Title IV of the Higher Education Act.

Structure: 1 main committee, which has the vote, and 3 subcommittees

Main Committee: Accreditation and Innovation Committee

Subcommittees:

Distance Learning and Educational Innovation

Faith-Based Entities

TEACH Grants

What is Negotiated Rulemaking?

This is a formal process by which the federal government either amends or crafts regulations guiding the implementation of federal law.

The committee (and in this case, subcommittees) meet to consider changes to or proposed regulations over a period of time (usually months).

The committee votes either in agreement (consensus) or not, and the process moves forward accordingly.

What is Negotiated Rulemaking? Continued

After the committee vote, the agreed upon proposal (if a consensus vote is reached) is published in the Federal Register for public comment. If no consensus is reached, the Department is free to put forward its chosen proposal for public comment.

After the public comment, the Department reviews all the comments and amends the proposal accordingly or not, based on the given rationale that is included when the final rule is published.

This process takes approximately 18 months, but can go longer (recall the teacher preparation program regulations).

The Results & Next Steps

Consensus was reached!

- Explore the webpage [here](#)

Next Steps

- Public Comment period on draft (expected 60-90 days)
- Review of Comments (who knows the timeline?)
- Release of Final Rule (final regulations) before October 31.

Higher Education Act Reauthorization

U.S. House of Representatives

Democratic controlled, but with both a Republican and House marker bill from 115th Congress.

Marker bills are VERY different.

Beginning with 6 or more bipartisan hearings.

Not sure how things will unfold!

U.S. Senate

Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray have a long history of bipartisan work.

History of hearings and hearing from the stakeholders.

Challenges unfolding:

Focus of reauthorization;

Areas of agreement;

Areas of differing views

Timeline, as laid out by Senator Alexander (it's an election year!)

House cannot change much to ensure passage signing into law.

Where Is Title II?

Facing challenges we have heard before:

- TQP is effective, but the scale is too small
- States not holding teacher preparation accountable
- Not enough data or data collection is an unfunded mandate
- Question on who should engage in TQP – remove higher ed as a required partner
- Higher education does not know the results of the graduates in the classroom including retention, effectiveness, and placement
- Would connecting to Title II of ESSA funds eligibility provide a path forward?

**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

April 2019 Key Advocacy Actions

Connect with your institutional government relations (GR) staffer/staff to be a resource moving forward *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.

Start learning about your new state and federal elected officials (as appropriate).

Engage with your AACTE state chapter and its advocacy efforts.

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

AACTE Washington Week

State Leaders Institute

Holmes Doctoral Scholar Summer Policy Institute

Day on the Hill

June 2-5, 2019

Online Registration & Hotel Block Closes May 10, 2019

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