

Education



Pop Quiz: Why do Sen. Alexander and Sen. Murray play a unique role?



A. They both love to spend taxes.



B. They are appropriators and authorizers.



C. I don't know.

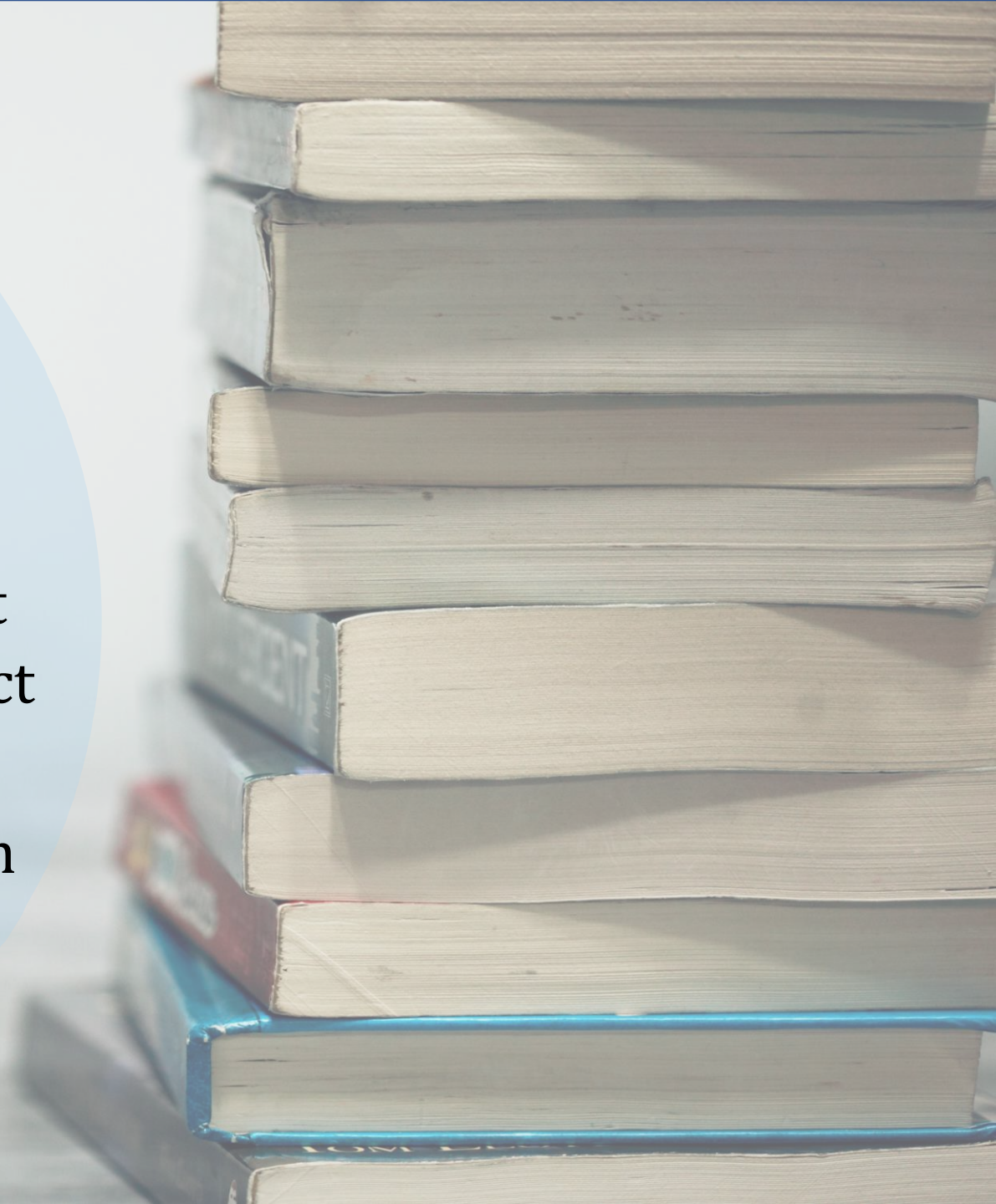


House Education and Labor Committee

- Chair: Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)
- New! Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services: Chair, Rep. Bonamici (D-WA)
- Disability included in planning for all legislation
- Chair's Priorities:
 - Oversight of Trump Administration
 - Higher Education Act Reauthorization
 - Discipline and School Safety (school climate)
 - Seclusion and Restraint
 - School Infrastructure/School Construction

Higher Education

- House – partisan debate continues
 - House Democrats: Aim Higher Act
 - Republican proposal: PROSPER Act
 - neither introduced yet this year
- Senate – bipartisan bill in negotiation



Higher Ed Priorities for Students with Disabilities

- Increased access
- Improved transition: for all including students with intellectual disabilities
- Faculty training: use of and access to AIM and accommodations
- Acceptance of IEPs, 504s, evaluations as proof of need for accommodations
- Teacher preparation focused on students' needs, evidence-based practices (e.g. UDL, PBIS, MTSS)
- Bills: S.1176 (TRIO); S. 1585/H.R. 3086 (RISE); Rep. DeSaulnier's AIM Act (pending) and more!



Keeping All Students Safe Act

- Establish minimum safety standards
 - Prohibit seclusion and mechanical, chemical and physical restraint
 - Prohibit restraint as planned intervention
 - Requires parental notification and follow-up
- States provide training to all staff including school resource officers
- Increase transparency, data collection, oversight, and enforcement to prevent future abuse and death
- To be re-introduced: Rep. Byer (D-VA), Sen. Murphy (D-CT)
- U.S. Dept. of Education Initiative
- www.stophurtingkids.com

Choice and Freedom Scholarship Initiative

Trump Administration

- Proposed to expand and improve education options
- Proposed \$5 billion in tax credits
- Provided expanded charter school grant funds to states – an evaluation is due this year. (Note: Charter school are public schools.)
- Adding new ‘choice activities’ to discretionary grants
- Publicly maintains that current policy of ‘parental placement’ will be upheld.

Congress

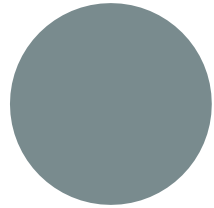
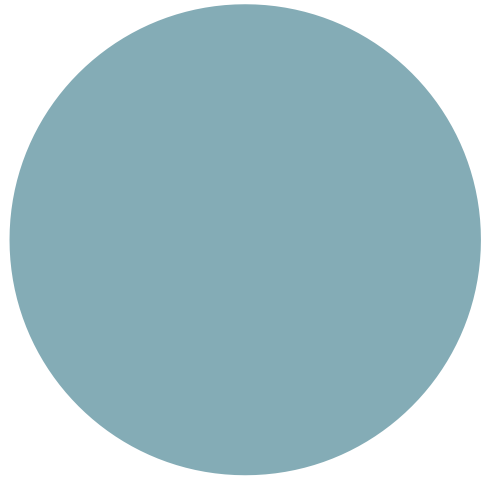
- Freedom Scholarships bills:
 - Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX): S. 634
 - Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-AL):
HR 1434
 - No action taken or expected
- FY2019 and FY2020 appropriations
 - 2019: Congress provided \$440 M [public] charter school grants to states.
 - 2020: House bill is \$400 M

Education Action

Tell your Senators and Representatives to support:

- Why HEA reauthorization must include: S.1176 (TRIO); S. 1585/H.R. 3086 (RISE), more to come!
- Why Keeping All Students Safe Act must be reintroduced
- NEW! 21st Century Assistive Technology Act (S.1835)

All bills can be found at www.congress.gov



Employment



Employment Related Legislation (14 c)

- Raise the Wage Act: S. 150, H.R. 582
 - Includes a 6-year phase out of 14 (c) certificated
- Transformation to Competitive Employment Act: S. 260/H.R. 873
 - Includes a 6-year phase out of 14 (c) certificated
 - Creates competitive grant program for states and local entities to transition 14 (c) holders to CIE model
 - Creates a National TA center.
 - Requires reporting and evaluation.



Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)

- Defined under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- For a job to meet CIE requirements, they must show the individual has a disability:
- Works at a full or part-time job earning minimum wage or higher
- Receives wages and benefits similar to those without disabilities performing the same work
- Works in a fully integrated job with co-workers who do not have disabilities
- Has the same opportunities to grow in their job and advance as co-workers without disabilities.

More about the integration prong of CIE

WIOA says: the individual's chosen job must be in an integrated setting. This means that:

- The job takes place within the community, and
- Must involve interactions between people with disabilities and their co-workers without disabilities during the *individual's job duties*, not during casual or social contact.

Why We Are Concerned

- The Secretary of Education has noted on the unified agenda that the WIOA regulations will be re-opened re: the definition of CIE.
- What is being done by advocates?
- What can you do?

www.integratedemploymentnow.org

The Section 14(c) National Online Dialogue

- In late May, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced “the Section 14(c) National Online Dialogue.”
- It is critical that we urge DOL to continue the progress towards ending the outdated and discriminatory practice of paying subminimum wages to people with disabilities under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Act Now!

Person with a disability

- Community
- Fair pay
- Impact of sub-minimum wage

Provider

- Support fair wages
- Transition off 14(c)-if applies

Employer

- How employees benefit from CIE
- Integration is good!

Advocate

- Why CIE
- Policy advances at home
- Issues w/subminimum wage

<https://14cdialogue.ideascale.com/>

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The Next Few Months

- FY 2020 Appropriations
- HEA Reauthorization
- KASSA Introduction
- Regulations

Support and protection for children
and adults w/disabilities!

Questions?
