

**WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE
PART B**

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Presentation Overview

- Reauthorization of the ESEA/regs
- IDEA implementation – federal policy issues
- Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act
- Appropriations
- Medicaid

Reauthorization of the ESEA

- Issues of concern to special ed community
 - Universal design for learning (UDL) -- Working with group of 23 organizations
 - Definition of graduation
 - Assessments: 1%/2%/out-of-level assessments
 - Response to Intervention

Reauthorization of the ESEA

- Positive behavior supports
- Growth models
- Co-teaching

Title I Proposed Regs

- Graduation rates
- Growth models
- Accountability workbooks – justify minimum ‘N’ size
- NAEP performance
- National Technical Advisory Council
- Identification for school improvement
- School choice/SES – timeliness of notice/use of unexpended funds
- School improvement/restructuring

IDEA Implementation

- Part C regs
- Part B regs
- Revisions to SPP/APR indicators
- Revisions to 618 data tables
- Pending legislation:
 - The ADA Restoration Act, H.R. 3195 (Rep. Hoyer (D-MD) & S. 1881 (Sen. Harkin (D-IA))
 - The IDEA Restoration Act, H.R. 4188 (Reps. Van Hollen (D-MD) & Sessions (R-TX))

Reauthorization of the Higher Ed Act

- Both House and Senate bills include new programs for students with disabilities
 - ‘Teach to Reach’ language
 - Programs that support students with disabilities on campus
 - New TA Center to provide post-secondary support for SWD
 - Access to federal financial assistance

Reauthorization of the Higher Ed Act: Timing??

- President Bush signed 6th (!) extension of current law through June 30th
- Informal conference stage: Staff has been meeting to iron out differences between House and Senate versions

Budget/Appropriations

- We're still at the second step – trying to get a budget resolution
 - Budget resolution is supposed to be passed by April 15th
 - Guess what???

Some numbers to absorb:

Program	FY 08	President 09
Part B	\$10.9 B	\$11.3 B
619	\$374 M	\$374 M
	(cut from \$380.75)	
Part C	\$435.7 M	.\$435.7 M
	(cut from \$436)	
SPDGs	\$22.60 M)\$48.0 M
	(cut from \$50 M in FY 06)	
Part D	\$224.6 M	\$241.7 M

Budget Resolution

- Senate: provides \$5.4 B above the President's request for Function 500 and \$4.8 B over FY 08 (about \$21 B above the President's budget)
- House: provides \$7.1 B above the President's request for Function 500 (total of \$25 B above President's budget)
- Budget Resolution (conference): \$84.4 B with \$3.7 advance funding

Budget Resolution

- Timing: House – June 5th; Senate — ??
- Process:
 - Step 1: Budget Resolution
 - Step 2: 302 (b) allocations
 - Step 3: Appropriation bills

Medicaid

- What's the issue?
- How does it affect special ed?
- What are we doing about it?
- What's the status of pending legislation?
 - The “Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008” (H.R. 2642 AKA the “Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act”) contains moratoria on seven rules until April 1, 2009 if enacted.

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