

# FEDERAL EDUCATION UPDATE



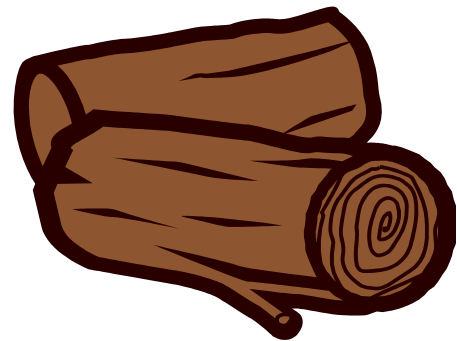
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# Logjam in Washington, D.C.

pending reauthorizations with date of last reauthorization

- **Child Care & Development Block Grant (1996)**
- **Workforce Investment Act (1998)**
- **Elementary & Secondary Education Act (2001)**
- **Education Sciences Reform Act (2002)**
- **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (2004)**
- **Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Act (2006)**
- **Head Start Act (2007)**
- **Higher Education Act (2008)**



# Not to Mention the Budget!

- **Important dates**
  - **December 13, 2013**                      **conference committee**
  - **January 15, 2014**                      **CR expires**
  - **February 7, 2014 ???**                      **debt ceiling**
- **Effects on K-12 and Higher Education of sequestration**

# **ESEA Waiver Renewals**

- **Jan. 2014 first renewals**
- **Differences in current US Ed approach from original August guidance**
- **High Risk status states**

# **Additional ESEA Flexibility**

- **Secretary Duncan announced in June that states could get additional flexibility in two areas**
  - **12 states want more time to implement teacher evaluation systems**
  - **15 states want the ability to avoid double testing**

# Early Education Legislation

- **Introduced in House and Senate**
  - Harkin “Smart Start for America’s Children Act” (S. 1697)
  - Miller House bill (H.R. 3461)
- **Formula and competitive grants**
- **Pay for ????**
  - for President’s plan it was tobacco tax

# Other Administration Priorities

- **Higher Education Plan**
  - Tie financial aid to college performance
  - Incentives for innovation
- **Gainful Employment rulemaking**
- **Career and Technical education**
  - Race to the Top format
  - Department of Labor dollars

# Other Issues

- Deal to end shutdown included extension of alternative teacher certification provision
- H.R. 2083, the “Protecting Students from Sexual and Violent Predators Act”



# What breaks the logjam?



# **NCSL Education Committee Policies**

- **Common Academic Standards**
- **Federal Funding for Special Education**
- **The State-Federal Partnership in Early Learning (joint with Health and Human Services Committee)**
- **The State-Federal Partnership in Elementary and Secondary Education**
- **The State-Federal Partnership in Postsecondary Education**
- **Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (resolution)**



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