

PeK-12 Education in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security CARES Act

\$13.5 billion for and Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund for grants to states based on the Title I formula. States must then distribute 90 percent of funds to districts to use for coronavirus-response activities. Allowable activities include:

- purchasing educational technology,
- planning for how to provide technology for online learning during closures,
- coordination of response efforts between districts and other governmental agencies,
- giving school leaders resources to address the needs of their schools,
- activities to support the needs of special populations (e.g. English learners, low-income, students with disabilities, homeless students),
- purchasing supplies and training staff on how to sanitize school buildings and other facilities,
- mental health services,
- planning for summer instruction with attention to students with disabilities, English learners, low-income students, migrants students and other vulnerable groups; and
- activities authorized under ESEA, IDEA, Perkins Career and Technical Education Program, and the McKinney Vento Homeless program.

Maintenance of Effort: States must assure they will maintain support for elementary and secondary education in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 at previous year's levels, with the Administration being able to waive this requirement for States that have experienced a precipitous decline in financial resources.

Waiver authority: Upon request by a state, tribe or district due to the COVID-19 emergency, the secretary of education may waive certain limited ESSA requirements, and such waivers apply only to the 2019-2020 school year.

\$3 billion for a Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund to provide funding to significantly impacted districts, colleges, or education-related entities to continue to provide educational services, the provision of childcare and early childhood education, social and emotional support, and the protection of education-related jobs.

\$150 billion for a Coronavirus Relief Fund to assist states, tribes and local governments that must pay for new expenses related to COVID-19 response.

\$3.5 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant to assist providers affected by decreased enrollment or closures, or to help them remain open.

- States are encouraged to continue to pay staff wages.
- Funds can be used to provide child care assistance to healthcare workers, emergency responders and sanitation workers without regard to income eligibility requirements.
- Funds can be available to providers even if providers were not receiving assistance prior to COVID-19. Funds can be used for expenses incurred prior to the bill's enactment for previously mentioned purposes.

\$750 million for Head Start

\$8.8 billion in additional funding for child nutrition programs in order to ensure children receive meals while school is not in session.