

FASFEPA Federal Education Policy Update

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Overview

- ESEA: Reauthorization & Waivers
- Funding & Sequestration
- E-Rate
- Perkins
- IDEA

ESEA: Reauthorizations & Waivers

- Reauthorization: It's a matter of willingness vs. capacity (aka politics)
- Administration that dislikes both House and Senate bill
- Reality: 39 states in some phase of waiver implementation
 - Onus is on administration and Congress to make sure reauthorization doesn't collide with waivers
- The bills are.....here. And reported out of committee!
And out of the House!

ESEA Reauthorization: House Bill

- Eliminates AYP, AMO, SES, and 100% proficiency
- Returns control of assessments and accountability to the states
- Maintains math and ELA testing requirements; adds science
- Continues data disaggregation
- Reauthorizes REAP
- Promotes growth models and multiple measures
- Includes computer adaptive assessment
- Adjusts 1 and 2 percent caps
- Requires 4 year adjusted cohort graduation rate and allow states to calculate 5, 6 and 7 year rates

ESEA Reauthorization: Senate Bill

- More or less eliminates AYP, AMO, SES, and 100% proficiency
- SAG (Sufficient Academic Growth), performance targets and student achievement levels
- Prescriptive in intervention (who and how)
- Returns control of assessments and accountability to the states
- Has math, ELA and science testing requirements
- Maintains data disaggregation
- Reauthorizes REAP
- Promotes growth models and multiple measures
- Includes computer adaptive assessment
- Adjusts 1 and 2 percent caps
- Requires 4 year adjusted cohort graduation rate
- Includes Ed Tech program
- Expanded school climate requirements (SNDA)

ESEA Reauth: Conferencing a Bill?!

- Standards, Accountability and Assessment
- School Improvement/Turn Around
- Highly Qualified Teachers
- Funding Portability/School Choice
- Maintenance of Effort
- Comparability
- Teacher Evaluation
- Funding Flexibility
- Class Size Reduction
- Ed Tech
- RttT and i3

House Passed ESEA; Now What?

- Depends on when/if Senate moves; White House issued veto threat
- Concern re: MoE, portability, funding caps
- Harkin's considerations
 - Pending retirement, building legacy, finishing a reauth
- Alexander's considerations
 - Open process, amendments, votes

ESEA Waivers

Waiver	Description
ESEA Waiver	39 states, 3 policy priorities, 11 areas of flexibility, granted by USED
Teacher Evaluation and Testing Waiver	USED sent a letter to all 50 state chief state school officers, outlining increased flexibility for states to postpone using student growth on state tests as a factor in staffing decisions. In particular, the waiver would allow states to delay the timeline one year, to the 2016-17 school year. The waiver would also allow those states implementing field tests associated with the new online assessments in the 2013-14 school year to administer either the statewide test OR the field test, as a way to avoid double testing. Accountability levels would be frozen at the 2012-13 level.
Title I 15% Carryover Waiver	USED issued a letter to all chief state school officers related to waivers from the Title I 15% carryover limit; allow states to apply for a blanket waiver so they can grant LEAs flexibility to carryover more than 15% of their FY12 Title I funds, in recognition of the impact of sequestration. Specifically, it allows a waiver to be granted more than once every three years, which is the current statutory limit.
Title I Supplement/Supplant & Sequester Flexibility	USED sent a letter to state Title I Directors clarifying that if a district/school were to use local funds to cover the cuts in federal Title I funding dues to sequestration and then replace those local funds with Title I funds in future years, that district/school would not be in violation of the 'supplement, not supplant' requirements.

ESEA Waivers: Renewing

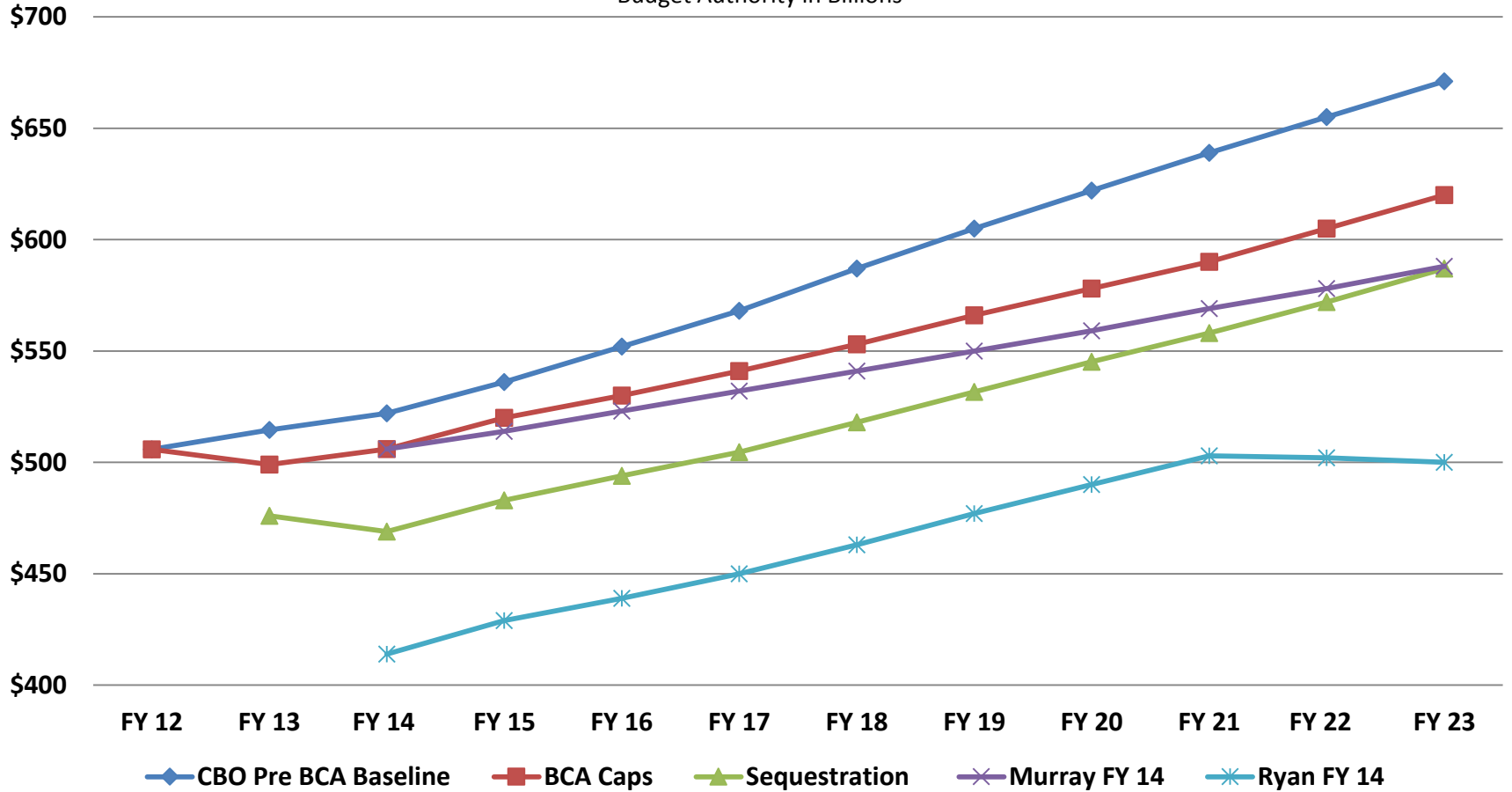
- Renewal of state flexibility, expansion of conditions
- For renewal:
 - States must use teacher evaluation data to ensure that poor/minority students are not disproportionately taught by ineffective teachers (relative to their peers) by Oct 2015
 - Districts will have to demonstrate that they are using Title II Part A dollars to ensure professional development for teachers and districts is “deepening their knowledge of college and career ready standards”, that PD is evidence-based, and that principals and teachers collaborated to prepping the district PD plan
 - States must demonstrate they are really intervening in priority and focus schools, and must describe how the SEA will increase the rigor of interventions and supports

FY14 Appropriations

- Senate and House budgets have drastically different philosophical foundations.
- Appropriations bills are on completely different trajectories
- We are on track for another CR.
- President Obama's FY14 budget includes \$1.2 billion in new funding for K12. ALL of it competitive.
- Sequester! It happened, it isn't resolved.
- However this plays out, discretionary spending is ALEADY pre-2008 levels

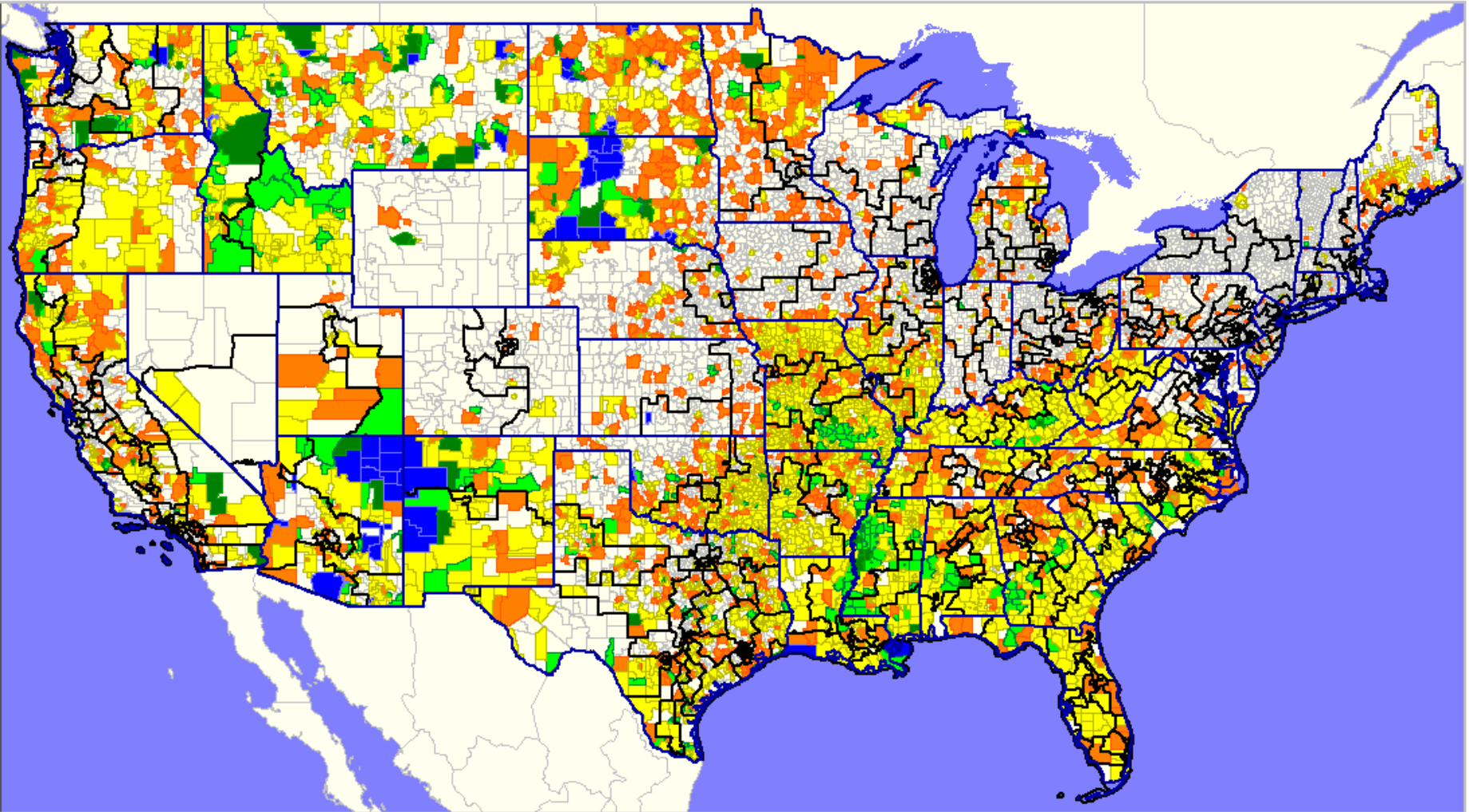
Ryan Budget Cuts Nondefense Discretionary Funding Below Sequestration

Budget Authority in Billions



Sources: CEF Calculations based on *An Update to the Economic and Budget Outlook: Fiscal Years 2013 to 2023*, CBO, February 2013; *OMB Report Pursuant To The Sequestration Transparency Act Of 2012*, September 2012; the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, January 2013; House Budget Committee's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Resolution Discretionary Spending table and Senate Budget Committee's FY 2014 Budget Resolution Discretionary Spending Summary

US Map: Federal Revenue in Local Edu Budgets



E-Rate

- Dan was nominated to USAC Board overseeing E-Rate
- President Obama announced ConnectEd, 5-year plan for higher connectivity
- NPRM update!
- Priority: NEW funding in addition to programmatic changes, which may include:
 - Streamlining applications
 - Backlog of appeals
 - Flexibility in use
 - Student-focused
- Stay engaged!

Perkins CTE

- #1 Priority: Maintain the current Basic State Grant funding formula for the distribution of funds to states and local school districts
- Oppose any changes to Perkins that would mandate set-asides to be used for competitive grants.
- ◎ Supports a requirement that every local education agency, or consortia of districts that share career and technical education programs, form a higher education and economic development council to advise them on their CTE programs
- ◎ Supports the creation of a new funding stream that would ensure districts can offer career-planning and counseling to all students
- ◎ Congress should assess the quality of a CTE program based on the following two measures: the percentage of students achieving a technical skill attainment level or certification and the percentage of students enrolled in the CTE program who graduate from high school college-and-career-ready

IDEA Funding

- IDEA Funding always #1 Priority
- MOE
 - With sequester, 100% MOE becomes more difficult
 - Need commonsense changes to MOE
 - Waiver option
 - Aligning IDEA MOE with Title I

Other

- School Nutrition
- Vouchers/ Charters
- Epinephrine Pens
- Early Education
- IDEA Full Funding
- And more:
 - Seclusion/Restraint
 - IDEA and Due Process
 - Bullying
 - School Safety
 - Background Checks
 - Missing Children

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