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**FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION UPDATE**

Negotiations on a budget deal appear to be slowed by a demand for parity between any increase for defense and for non-defense discretionary (NDD) caps and because any deal is being tied to a solution on protecting the immigration status of DREAMers under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Rumors are that a possible budget deal would include a sizeable increase for NDD, but that may require a large portion of the increase to go to transportation infrastructure improvements. The Labor-HHS Senate Subcommittee is pushing for the deal to include a fair share of the increase for Labor-HHS (that committee accounts for about 1/3 of all NDD spending but has not received that share of past increases for NDD).

At least one more continuing resolution (CR) will be needed in order to keep government open. Government funding expires one week from today. Even if a budget deal is reached, Congress requires several weeks to write, negotiate and pass an appropriations package.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a FY 2018 funding bill last year that provides almost a \$3 billion increase for Education Department programs; this bill is a likely starting point for negotiations on a final bill (the House bill eliminates funding for several programs and cuts \$1.3 billion more from previously appropriated Pell grant funding).

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