

PROPOSED FEDERAL BUDGET INCLUDES INCREASES IN EDUCATION SPENDING

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a spending bill for fiscal year 2022 that would increase Department of Education funding by 41%, including major investments in Title I, Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and mental health that President Biden

sought in his full proposed budget.

The bill would improve on the president's proposals in many other key programs, including a \$150 million funding increase for the Title IIA professional development program and an \$85 million increase for the Title IV

flexible block grant program.

The bill will be sent to the Senate, where its fate is much less certain.

Learning Forward members and stakeholders can help by reaching out to senators to encourage them to support Title IIA funding.

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