



Legislative Guide

Chapter 5: Congressional Committees Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

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Leadership in the Congress

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HOUSE

http://www.house.gov/house/orgs_pub_hse_ldr_www.shtml

Congressional Committees

Most of the research, investigation and public hearings in Congress take place in committees and subcommittees. Committees and subcommittees generally fall into one of four categories: appropriations, authorization, budget and investigation. Both the House and Senate have standing and select committees. Each committee has jurisdiction over certain subject areas, and all actions affecting that particular area of the law are referred to the committee with jurisdiction. Committees consider only a few bills from the vast number introduced. Committees frequently overlap; more than one committee can consider an issue and jurisdiction controversies can occur.

The following list includes committees that may be particularly helpful with educational issues.

House Committee on Appropriations

Majority Committee Office: Minority Committee Office

H218 Capitol 1016 Longworth House Office Bldg

Washington, DC 20515-6015

Phone: 202-225-2771 202-225-3481 **Fax:** Unlisted 202-225-9476

Committee WWW Homepage:

<http://www.house.gov/appropriations/>

Subcommittees:

Subcommittee on Agriculture Rural Development Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies
Subcommittee on Commerce Justice State and Judiciary Subcommittee on District of Columbia
Subcommittee on Defense Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Subcommittee on Foreign
Operations Export Financing and Related Programs Subcommittee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on
Interior Subcommittee on Labor Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee on Legislative
Subcommittee on Military Construction Subcommittee on Transportation Treasury Postal Service and
General Government Subcommittee on VA HUD and Independent Agencies

House Appropriations Committee

Membership: <http://appropriations.house.gov/members110th.shtml>

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor Health and Human Services and Education

Majority Committee Office:

2358 Rayburn House Office Bldg

Washington, DC 20515-6024

Phone: 202-225-3508 **FAX:** Unlisted

WWW Homepage: Minority Committee Office

1016 Longworth House Office Bldg

202-225-3481 202-225-9476

<http://www.house.gov/appropriations/sub.htm>

Parent Committee:

House Committee on Appropriations

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor Health and Human Services and Education

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<http://www.house.gov/appropriations/sub.htm>

Parent Committee:

House Committee on Appropriations

**House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor Health and
Human
Services and Education**

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6024**Phone:** 202-225-3508 **FAX:**
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<http://www.house.gov/appropriations/sub.htm>

Parent Committee:

House Committee on Appropriations

House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Majority Committee Office:

2181 Rayburn House Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20515-
6100**Phone:** 202-225-4527 **FAX:**
202-225-9571

Committee WWW Homepage:

<http://edworkforce.house.gov/>

Subcommittees:

Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness
Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations
Subcommittee on Education Reform
Subcommittee on Select Education Subcommittee
on Workforce Protections

House Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness

Majority Committee Office: Minority Committee Office:

2181 Rayburn House Office Bldg 2101 Rayburn House Office Bldg

Washington, DC 20515-9998 **Phone:** 202-225-4527 202-225-3725 **FAX:**

202-225-9571 202-225-9050

Committee WWW Homepage:

<http://edworkforce.house.gov/members/108th/mem-21st.htm>

Parent Committee:

House Committee on Education and the Workforce

House Subcommittee on Education Reform

Majority Committee Office: Minority Committee Office:

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Washington, DC 20515-9998

Phone: 202-225-4527 202-225-3725 **FAX:** 202-225-9571 202-225-9050

Committee WWW Homepage:

<http://edworkforce.house.gov/members/108th/mem-edr.htm>

House Committee on Education and the Workforce

House Subcommittee on Select Education

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2181 Rayburn House Office Bldg 2101 Rayburn House Office Bldg

Washington, DC 20515-9998 **Phone:** 202-225-9998 202-225-3725 **FAX:**

202-225-9571 202-225-9050

Committee WWW Homepage:

<http://edworkforce.house.gov/members/108th/mem-sed.htm>

Parent Committee:

House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Senate Committee on Appropriations

Majority Committee Office: Minority Committee Office

The Capitol S-128 The Capitol S-206 Washington, DC
20515 **Phone:** 202-224-7363 202-224-7292 **Fax:** Unlisted
Unlisted

Committee WWW Homepage:

<http://appropriations.senate.gov/index.htm>

Subcommittees:

Subcommittee on Agriculture Rural Development and Related Agencies
Subcommittee on Commerce Justice State the Judiciary Subcommittee on the
District of Columbia Subcommittee on Defense Subcommittee on Energy and
Water Development Subcommittee on Foreign Operations Export Financing and
Related Programs Subcommittee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on
Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee on Labor Health and Human
Services Education Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Subcommittee on
Military Construction Subcommittee on Transportation Treasury and General
Government Subcommittee on Veterans Housing and Urban Development

**Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor Health
and
Human Services Education**

Majority Committee Office

184 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: 202-224-7230
FAX: 202-224-1360

Minority Committee Office

123 Senate Office Building
202-224-7288
202-224-7914

Committee WWW Homepage:

<http://appropriations.senate.gov/subcommittees/laborhhs.htm>

Parent Committee:

Senate Committee on Appropriations

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Majority Committee Office:

428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515 **Phone:** 202-
224-5375 **FAX:** 202-224-6510

Minority Committee Office:

646 Dirksen Senate Office Building

202-224-5465
202-224-5128

Committee WWW Homepage:

<http://health.senate.gov/>

Subcommittees:

Subcommittee on Aging Subcommittee
on Children and Families
Subcommittee on Employment Safety and Training
Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services