



Get the ball rolling: Back to school advocacy

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Topics to Cover

- NSBA Summer Recess Guide
- Update on status of Medicaid in healthcare debate
- Federal budget update
- Special Education Funding
- Policy Issues from 2017 Legislative Session
- Update on A-F and AZ Merit Scores
- Friends of ASBA Voting Record



NSBA Summer Recess Guide

- Congress is on its summer recess until after Labor Day (September 4).
- Good time to set up meetings with members of Congress.
- Use the [NSBA Summer Recess Guide](#) for talking points and communications tips.
- Use ASBA's [Resource Center](#) for visual materials and infographics!



Medicaid





Impact on Schools

- \$47 million in reimbursements in 2015, according to AHCCCS.
- The primary concern is reimbursement for eligible services provided to students with disabilities.
- The “per-capita cap” imposes a spending cap on a state’s current level of Medicaid spending, increased by inflation each year.
- The effect is to limit spending without controlling costs. Medicaid continues to be an entitlement, meaning fewer dollars/person.



Impact on Schools

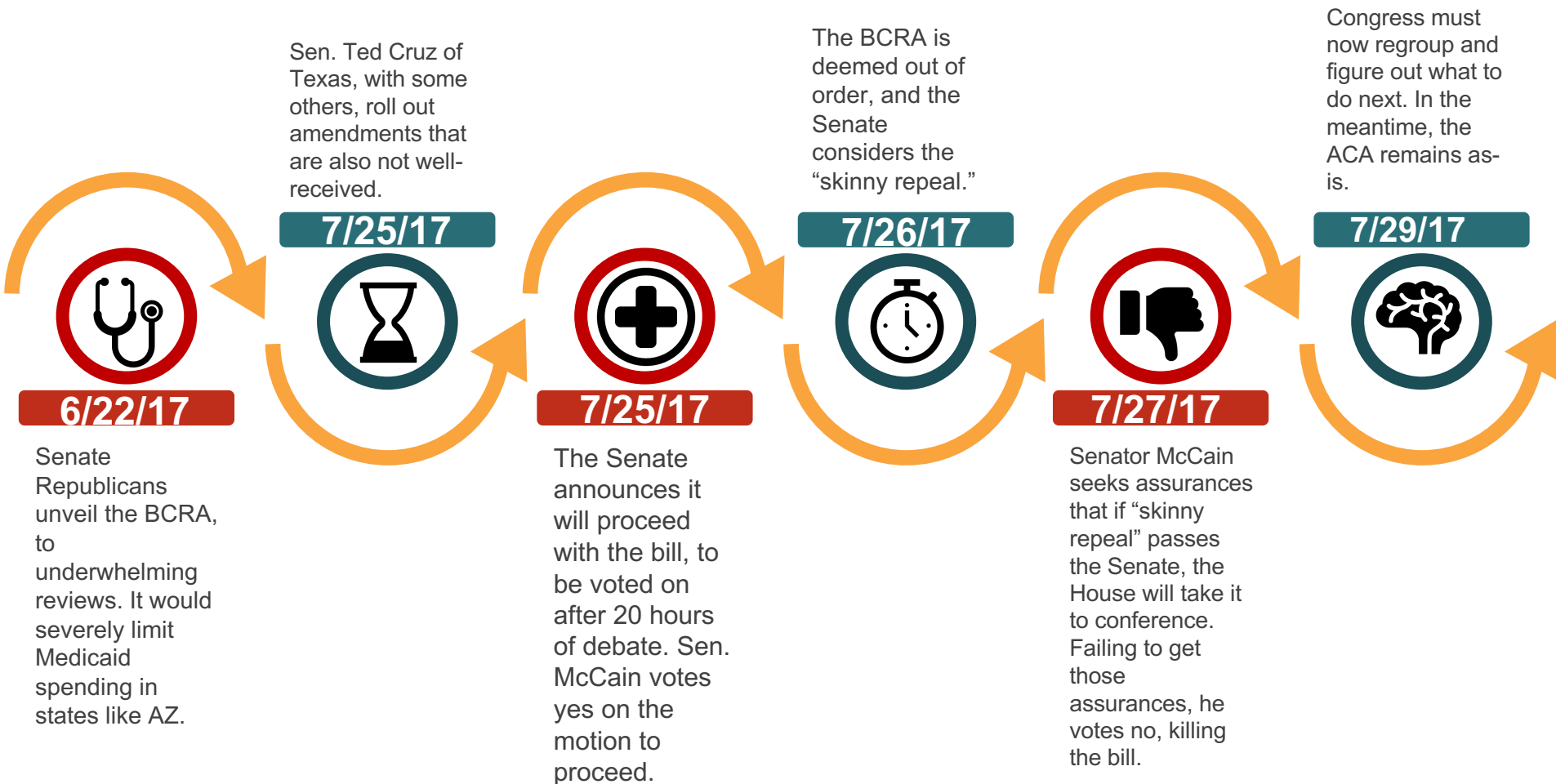
- In addition, all versions have a reduction of Medicaid eligibility back to pre-2009 levels. Currently children are covered up to 141% FPL ages 1-5, and 133% FPL ages 6-18.
- Uninsured adults are covered up to 133% FPL. CHIP Enrollment also grew under the first enrollment period under expanded Medicaid coverage.



Impact on Schools

- Proposition 204 (2000) also expanded Medicaid eligibility for childless adults to 100% regardless of the ACA, but under ACA, match is 90%, saving the state money.
- ASBA's primary concern with any healthcare overhaul remains cuts to Medicaid.

Healthcare Legislation Timeline





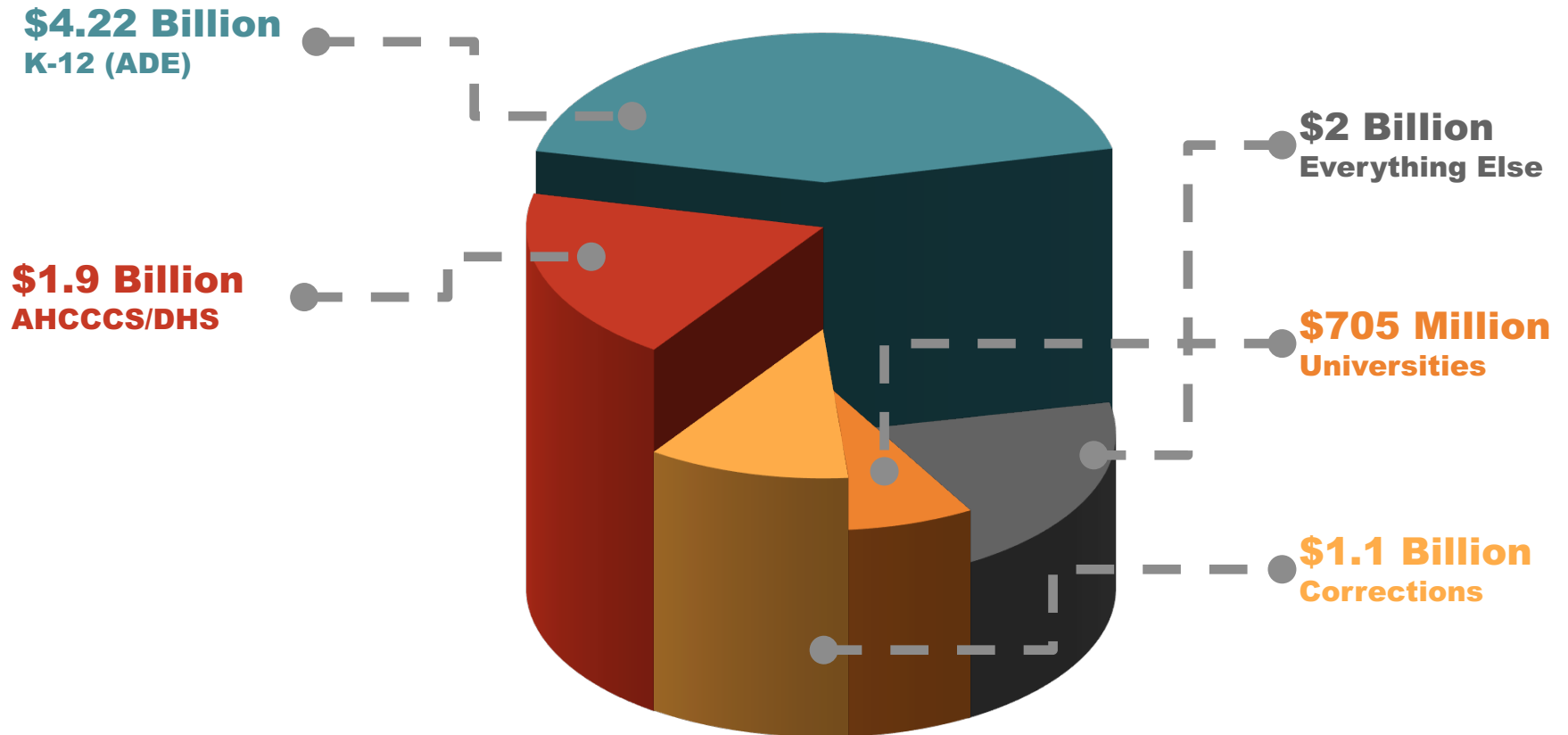
Impacts on Schools

Special education services must be provided as outlined in an IEP, **regardless of cost to the district.**





Impacts on Schools





Federal Budget Update





House Budget Resolution

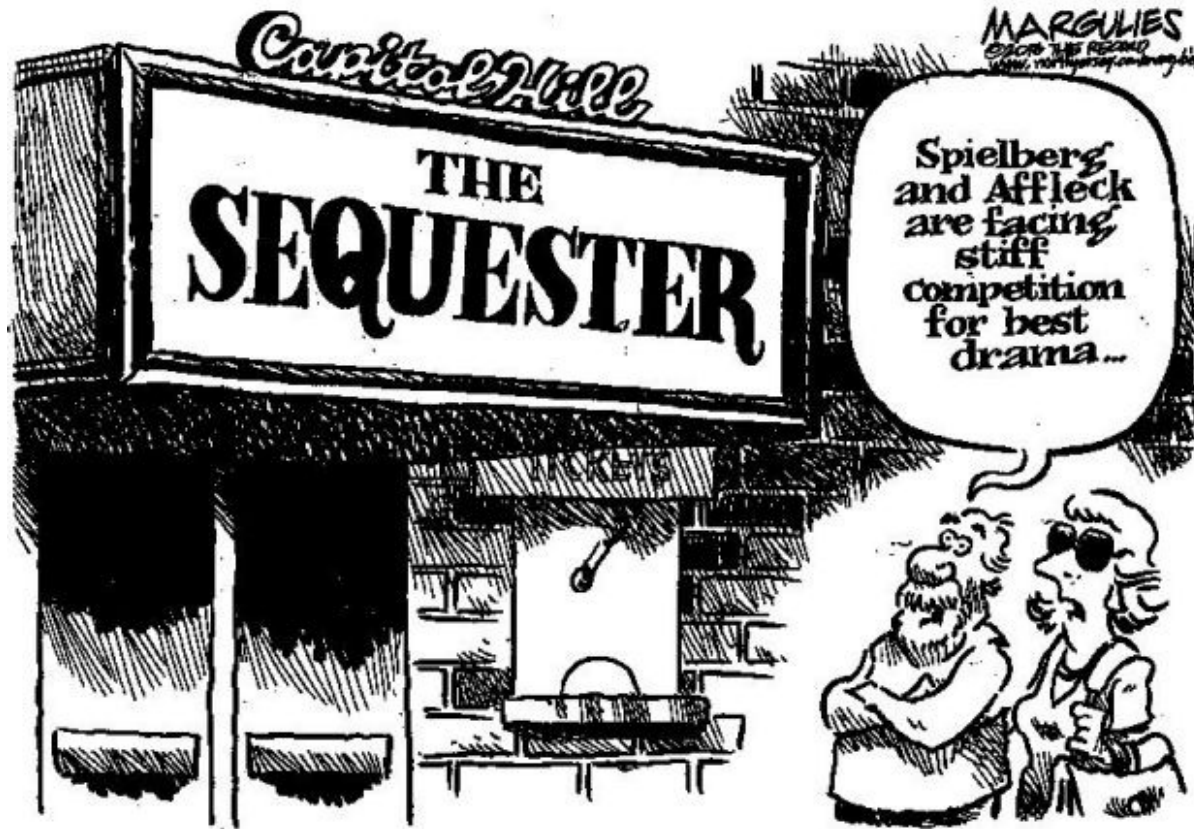
- On July 20th, the U.S. House Appropriations Committee passed Health, Human Services and Education funding measure.
- The measure cuts overall federal education funding by \$2.4 billion.
- Most of that (\$2B) is due to defunding Title II(A) of the ESSA, for teacher professional development.



House Budget Resolution

- IDEA Part B sees an increase of \$200M, while Title I, CTE, and state assessment grants are level-funded.
- The measure includes no provisions for expanded school choice.
- House Appropriations Committee Budget Blueprint
- Federal Fiscal Year 2017 ends on September 30. A new budget or a continuing resolution is needed by then to avoid government shutdown.

Federal FY18 Budget





K-12 Special Education Funding Gaps





Special Education Gap

- ASBA/AASBO Report on Special Education Funding Gap
- How does funding for students with disabilities compare to expenditures?
 - How large is the funding gap?
 - What accounts for differences across the state in the size of the funding gap?



Special Education Gap

- Preliminary Results:
 - Special education rates have remained steady; small decrease in rate of Group A is matched by slight increase in rate of Group B students.
 - M&O funding gap for students with disabilities was approximately \$110 million in FY 2015 and \$79 million in FY2016. Reduction in the gap is a result of Proposition 123.
 - Funding of Group A students does not align with enrollment of Group A students and partially explains the differences in the funding gap.



Policy Issues from 2017 Legislative Session



Menu of Assessments

- SB1098 (Laws 2017, Ch. 137, §7)
 - Requires SBE to develop the menu of locally procured assessments for HS by the 2018-2019 school year.
 - Forces SBE to accept any assessment onto the menu that meets statutory requirements if it is in use prior to March 31, 2018.
 - SBE has 8 months to develop to avoid this issue.



Special Education

- SB1317 (Laws 2017, Ch. 337)
 - Requires SBE to adopt new rules clarifying the definition of “specially designed instruction” in accordance with the bill.
 - These rules must be adopted by November 15, 2017.
 - SBE is also required to undertake a comprehensive review of SPED rules to “streamline processes” and “reduce administrative burdens.”



Teacher Certification

- SB1042 (Laws 2017, Ch. 245)
 - SBE must adopt rules to implement both the new “alternative teacher preparation program” rules, as well as “subject matter expertise” certificate rules, and reciprocity rules to implement the bill.
 - The board must also develop a process to implement the “classroom based preparation program.”



A-F Letter Grades





A-F Update

- SBE Special Meeting on 8/4
 - K-2 and K-3 schools will be labeled NR
 - New schools will be only be rated on indicators that apply
 - Draft public comment period for the 9-12 alternative schools
 - K-8 alt. draft plan will be reviewed in September



A-F Update

- SBE Special Meeting on 8/18
 - Set cut scores
 - Label the letter grades
- SBE FAQs and resources



A-F Timeline

August 18th – SBE will
set the cut scores



Week of August 28th –
Scores will be released
to schools



September 18th - Letter
grades will be made
public



October – Letter grades
for alternative schools
will be released



Friends of ASBA Voting Record



2017 Voting Record

Ask your legislators if they support or oppose...

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How Arizona Legislators Voted in 2017
on High Priority K-12 Education Bills

SB1431 Empowerment Scholarship Account Expansion

Senators

Y		★ Sylvia Allen LD 6
Y		★ Nancy Barto LD 15
Y		★ Sonny Borrelli LD 5
N		★ Sean Bowie LD 18
N		★ David Bradley LD 10
N		★ Kate Brophy McGee LD 28
Y		★ Judy Burges LD 22
N		★ Olivia Cajero Bedford LD 3
N		★ Lupe Contreras LD 19
N		★ Andrea Dalessandro LD 2
Y		★ Karen Fann LD 1
N		★ Steve Farley LD 9
Y		★ David C. Farnsworth LD 16

Representatives

Y		★ John M. Allen LD 24	N		★ Daniel Hernandez LD 2
N		★ Lela Alston LD 24	Y		★ Drew John LD 14
N		★ Richard C. Andrade LD 29	Y		★ Anthony T. Kern LD 20
Y		★ Brenda Barton LD 6	Y		★ Jay Lawrence LD 23
N		★ Wenona Benally LD 7	Y		★ Vince Leach LD 11
N		★ Isela Blanc LD 26	Y		★ David Livingston LD 22
N		★ Reginald Bolding LD 27	Y		★ Phil Lovas LD 22
Y		★ Russell Bowers LD 25	N		★ Ray D. Martinez LD 30
Y		★ Paul Boyer LD 20	Y		★ Javan D. Mesnard LD 17
N		★ Kelli Butler LD 28	Y		★ Darin Mitchell LD 13
Y		★ Noel W. Campbell LD 1	Y		★ Paul Mosley LD 5
N		★ Mark A. Cardenas LD 19	N		★ Tony Navarrete LD 30
N		★ Heather Carter LD 15	Y		★ Jill Norgaard LD 18

<http://friendsofasba.org/legislative-impact/>



Friends of ASBA Reception

- Save the Date: September 6, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. at the J.W. Marriott Desert Ridge
- Celebration of public education
 - 2017 Voting Records – pick up your hard copy early!
 - Friends of ASBA summer activities
 - Membership information



Voucher Referendum

- Effort to refer SB1431 to the ballot in 2018.
 - Turned in 111,540 signatures on August 8 to Secretary of State's office.
 - As a result, SB1431 has not taken effect.
 - A sample of 5% of signatures will be validated by Secretary of State and County recorders.
 - May be about three weeks until final declaration is made. Expect court challenges.
 - If successful, SB1431 will be placed on the November 2018 ballot.



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