

Legislative Committee Members Present: Pam Roush, Rosanne Griff-Cabelli, , Linda Goodman, Suzan Albright, Brad Hutton, Andy Gomm, Mary Ann Discenza, Wendy Whipple

Staff Members Present: Sharon Walsh, Maureen Greer

Topic	Discussion	Action Steps
MOE Reauthorization Language	The committee discussed the conversation related to MOE that occurred at the ITCA membership meeting. The reaction of the participants was clearly divided. There were members who were clearly opposed to including this language in reauthorization. Linda raised the issue of whether waiver language would be more palatable to members if the reauthorization made Part C mandatory.	<i>Linda will draft a memo representing a position on a one year waiver option. The memo will be sent to members for action in order to assess the sense of the members.</i>
IDEA Blueprint for Part C	The committee discussed the need to develop a document that would outline the issues that should be addressed in the next reauthorization of IDEA. Starting the work now would put the Association in a proactive stance as reauthorization issues are identified.	<i>Sharon will take the lead with Linda and Maureen to develop a survey looking at all parts of IDEA based on the required components to identify issues that the members feel are important for reauthorization. Survey responses will form the basis of a series of calls with members. Draft survey will be ready for the Legislative Committee call in September.</i>

Washington Update	Congress is currently in recess until the second week in September and then will recess again sometime in October for the November election. The most pressing action to be taken is final budget figures. Head Start Performance Standards are proposed to be released sometime in November.	
FMAP Extension	FMAP was extended. States will have to formally request the additional funds.	
IES Comments	There is a request for comments on the priorities that IES is moving forward add "and their families"; need to add broader language that incorporates issues related to early childhood. ITCA should include remarks applauding language that encompasses the birth to three populations.	<i>Sharon will draft comments for the committee's review.</i>
Secretary's Priorities	There is a request for comments on the Secretary's proposed priorities for discretionary grants. The committee reviewed the priorities for any comments that ITCA wants to make. Recommendations: Priority 3: Early childhood personnel readiness issue, Priority 10: needs inclusive language regarding Part C, Priority 1: use goals from Early Learning Office	<i>Sharon will take the lead and draft language for the committee to review. The draft will go to the Board for final approval on September 7. Comments are due September 7. Look at each priority to examine if there is a mechanism to provide enhanced value by including early childhood.</i>
The Elementary and	The committee discussed whether to provide any comments on the	<i>This will be a topic for next month's</i>

Secondary Education Act	reauthorization of ESEA. This bill will not be taken up until after the first of the year.	<i>agenda. Sharon will send out some documents from groups who have already drafted comments.</i>
Next Meeting	September 27 at 3:30 PM	