

Legislative Update October 2019

**PROSPER Act, H.R. 4508**

Title: Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform Act A revision of the Higher Education Act introduced on 12/1/17 by Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5) (Chairwoman, House Education and the Workforce Committee)

Summary: <https://www.everycrsreport.com/reports/R45115.html>

Link to the Bill text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4508/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22PROSPER+Act%22%5D%7D&r=8>

**Aim Higher Act, H.R. 6543**

A revision of the Higher Education Act introduced on 7/26/18 by Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA-3) (Ranking Member, House Education and the Workforce Committee)

Summary: <http://democrats-edworkforce.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Aim%20Higher%20Act%20--%20Bill%20Summary.pdf>

Note: See page 14 for info on “Strengthening Teacher and School Leader Preparation Programs”

Link to Bill text (pending): <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6543/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R.+6543%22%5D%7D&r=1>

**PREP Act, S. 3308**

Preparing and Retaining Education Professionals Act of 2018

An amendment to Title II of the Higher Education Act introduced on 7/31/18 by Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) (Member, Senate Help, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee)

Summary: <https://www.kaine.senate.gov/press-releases/kaine-introduces-bill-to-address-nationwide-teacher-and-principal-shortages>

Link to Bill text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/3308/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22PREP+Act%22%5D%7D&r=1>

**STRIVE Act, S. 2370 and H.R. 4914**

Supporting the Teaching Profession Through Revitalizing Investments in Valuable Educators Act Introduced in the Senate on 2/5/18 by Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and introduced in the House on 2/20/18 by Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ-1)

Summary: [https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=press\\_release&id=743](https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=743)

Bill text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2370/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22STRIVE+Act%22%5D%7D&r=2>

**State ESSA Plans**

State ESSA Plans are found on individual websites of state Departments of Education (SDEs) or by searching a list of Approved State ESSA Plans at [ed.gov](http://ed.gov). All states are required to plan and submit a multi-year State ESSA Plan for approval by the United States Department of Education. On approval and based on plan components, states are eligible recipients of federal ESSA funds. Five percent (5%) of state ESSA funds can be used in discretionary fashion by an individual SDEs. **One option for use of these funds is support of alternative preparation programs.**