Between March 2020 and March 2021, the Federal Government approved three stimulus bills providing nearly $295 billion relief aid for education through the Education Stabilization Fund.

### Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- **Passed:** March 2020
- **Spend by:** September 2022
- **$30.5B**
  - Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief Fund (ESSER)
  - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEER)
  - Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER)

### Education Stabilization Fund
- **Passed:** December 2020
- **Spend by:** September 2023
- **$82B**
  - ESSER funds for K-12 schools, largely delivered through Title I funding
  - HEER funds for higher education with $1.7 billion for minority-serving institutions and nearly $1 billion for for-profit colleges
  - GEER funds for governors to spend at their discretion, with $2.7 billion of that earmarked for private schools

### American Rescue Plan
- **Passed:** March 2021
- **Spend by:** September 2024
- **$182B**
  - ESSER funds for K-12 state education agencies, including $800 million for children experiencing homelessness
  - HEER funds, most for direct grants to public and nonprofit colleges and universities, vocational programs, and minority serving institutions
  - GEER funds to governors for private school use
  - Funds to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to support students with disabilities
  - Funds to the E-rate program to facilitate home and library internet access

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**COVID-19 RELIEF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR EDUCATION**

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These COVID-19 relief funds may be used for activities authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Perkins Act (CTE), the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), or the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Below are examples of ways the funds can be used in K-12 districts and schools to help lessen the impact of the pandemic on learning with investments in solutions to address student learning, health, and support, as well as investments in staff, technology, facilities, and preparedness.

**STUDENT LEARNING**
- Address learning loss through evidence-based interventions
- Provide students with evidence-based summer learning and enrichment programs, including through partnerships with community-based organizations

**STUDENT HEALTH**
- Develop and implement school health and safety protocols based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Address the mental health needs of students, including through using funds to hire counselors and other staff

**STUDENT SUPPORT**
- Provide children and youth experiencing homelessness with integrated student support services and assistance with attending school and participating in activities
- Address the needs of students of color, students from low-income backgrounds, students with disabilities, English learners, students who are migratory, students in correctional facilities, and students in foster care
- Provide afterschool, or other out-of-school time, programs that address students’ social, emotional, and academic needs

**STAFF**
- Maintain the operation and continuity of services by employing existing staff
- Stabilize, diversify, and rebuild the educator pipeline
- Training and professional development

**TECHNOLOGY**
- Purchase educational technology, including hardware, software, and assistive learning devices
- Connect K-12 students to high-quality home Internet and/or devices

**FACILITIES**
- Update school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission and create healthy learning environments
- Purchase supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities

**PREPAREDNESS**
- Develop and implement procedures and systems to improve preparedness and response to coronavirus
- Provide principals/school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their students and schools