COVID-19 Relief & Stimulus Requests on Behalf of:
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Higher Education Consortium for Special Education
Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children

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TITLE II Data Collection Relief

**COVID-19 Response:**
Title II, sections 205, 206, 207 of the Higher Education Act shall be waived throughout the duration of the impact of COVID-19.

Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program (Title II, Part A, HEA)

**Special Education Personnel Preparation (Part D, Section 662, IDEA)**

**COVID-19 Response:**
Extension of 1 year with funding for all current Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program and Special Education Personnel Preparation to address the challenges presented by the national, state, and local responses to COVID-19.

In the *Special Education Personnel Preparation Grant Program*, add authority for the *Emergency Workforce Initiative* to support special education teacher candidates in clinical practice opportunities or to serve temporarily as paraprofessionals throughout the duration of the response to COVID-19 through our schools via local, state, or federal actions.

Funding level for this program: $100m

Candidates participating in the program must not be considered the teacher of record AND must work under the supervision of the special education teacher designated by the district.

Eligible special education teacher candidates were currently in clinical placements in PK-12 schools prior to school closures.

Specifically eligible special education teacher candidates could:
o Contribute to online-learning/e-learning/distance learning/virtual learning environments for students with disabilities
o Support and coach parents as they navigate online learning for their children with disabilities, including facilitating assistive technology usage
o Contribute to the provision of services required by the IEP with one-to-one support or one-on one tutoring by phone, online or in an alternative virtual setting

**Stimulus:**
Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program (Title II, HEA)

*Fund at not less than $300m*

Special Education Personnel Preparation Grant Program (Part D, Section 662, IDEA)

*Fund at not less than $200m*

*New* Emergency Workforce Initiative in SpEd Personnel Preparation:

*Fund at not less than $100m (to be added to the above request, not subtracted from it)*

**TEACH Grants (Title IV, Subpart 9, HEA):**

**COVID-19 Response:**

Waive the total amount a teacher candidate may receive for current undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate recipients to allow said candidates to continue to utilize TEACH grants to complete their preparation programs with no adjustment to the service obligation requirements due to COVID-19.

**Stimulus:**

Increase the maximum to $8,000/year for undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate recipients

Special Education Personnel Preparation Emergency Workforce Development

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(Title II, Part B, Subpart 2, HEA)

**Stimulus**  
*Fund at not less than $100m*

**Preparing General Education Teachers to More Effectively Educate Students with Disabilities (Title II, Part B, Subpart 3, HEA)**

**Stimulus**  
*Fund at not less than $100m*
Graduate Fellowships to Prepare Faculty in High-Need Areas at Colleges of Education (Title II, Part B, Subpart 5, HEA)

Stimulus Fund at not less than $100m