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FEATURED NEWS

Steven Dillingham Nominated to Lead Census Bureau

Dr. Steven Dillingham was [nominated on July 18](#) by President Trump to serve as the Director of the Census Bureau within the Department of Commerce. Dillingham currently directs the Office of Strategic Information, Research, and Planning for the Peace Corps and previously led the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. He holds a Ph.D. in political science, as well as a law degree, an MBA, and a master's degree in public administration. Given his record of leadership within the federal statistical system, Dillingham's

nomination is a welcome departure from the type of controversial, politically-motivated candidates the Administration was [previously reported](#) to have considered.

The job of the director of the Census Bureau has been empty for more than a year and, if confirmed by the Senate, Dillingham will direct the Bureau through a difficult time, as the [2020 Census quickly approaches](#) and the Bureau is under heightened scrutiny for the controversial decision to [add a question on citizenship](#) to the 2020 questionnaire. Upon his confirmation, Dillingham would serve out the remainder of the current five-year term, ending in December 31, 2021.

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Letters & Statements

- 7/16/2018: [Letter on EPA's "Science Transparency" Rule](#)

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

House Committee Approves FY 2019 Labor-HHS-Education Funding

On July 11, the full House Appropriations Committee approved its [fiscal year \(FY\) 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies \(Labor-HHS\) Appropriations Bill](#); the Labor-HHS Subcommittee advanced the bill on June 15. This bill contains annual funding proposals for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Education (ED), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), among other federal departments and agencies.

The Senate Appropriations Committee reported its version of the bill on June 28 ([more here](#)).

At a Glance...

- **The House bill includes a total of \$38.334 billion for NIH in FY 2019**, a \$1.25 billion or 3.4 percent increase over the FY 2018 level. This amount is 10.8 percent over the President's request, but nearly 2 percent below the Senate bill.
- **The bill would allocate \$7.58 billion to the CDC**, a cut of \$422.9 million compared to FY 2018 and about \$230 million less than the amount proposed by the Senate bill.
- **The House bill includes \$334 million for AHRQ**, flat with the FY 2018 enacted level and the same as the amount proposed by the Senate. The bill does not accept the Administration's proposed consolidation of AHRQ as a new institute within the NIH.
- **The House bill would provide flat funding for BLS at \$612 million**, \$3 million less than the amount proposed by the Senate, but still more than the amount requested by the Administration.
- **Within the Department of Education, the bill would provide \$613.5 million to the Institute of Education Sciences (IES)**, which would be flat with its FY 2018 appropriation and 17.6 percent above the FY 2019 funding request from the Administration.

At time of publication, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have reported out 23 of the 24-fiscal year (FY) 2019 appropriations bills, twelve bills each for the House and Senate. This represents significant progress in appropriations compared to the last few fiscal years, likely thanks to a top-line spending deal struck earlier this year. However, the House of Representatives will leave D.C. for August recess starting July 30, giving them only 14 working days to approve spending bills and reconcile differences with the Senate before the government shuts down on October 1. The Senate will stay in session for much of the month of August to complete work on approving presidential nominees and vote on some of the

remaining spending bills. So far, the full House has approved five of the twelve spending bills, while the Senate has only approved three. Keep up with COSSA's coverage of FY 2019 appropriations [here](#).

[Read on](#) for COSSA's analysis of the House Appropriations Committee's proposals for the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Department of Education.

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Draft Guidance Documents Related to Revised Common Rule Released

On July 20, the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released three draft guidance documents that relate to the three provisions in the revised Common Rule that institutions may choose to implement during the period between July 19, 2018 and January 20, 2019, when the revised Common Rule becomes effective (see COSSA's [coverage of the delay](#)).

The three draft guidance documents are:

- [Scholarly and Journalistic Activities Deemed Not to be Research: 2018 Requirements](#)
- [When Continuing Review Is Not Required During the 6-Month Delay Period of July 19, 2018 through January 20, 2019: 2018 Requirements](#)
- [Elimination of Institutional Review Board \(IRB\) Review of Research Applications and Proposals: 2018 Requirements](#)

OHRP will issue a formal Notice of Availability about these guidance documents in the Federal Register but has posted the draft documents on its website in recognition of the beginning of the general compliance delay period, which began July 19, 2018. More of COSSA's coverage of the Common Rule can be found [here](#).

NSF Announces new STEM Education Advisory Panel

The National Science Foundation (NSF), along with the Department of Education, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced the appointment of 18 members of the new science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education advisory panel on July 11. The panel, authorized by the [American Innovation and Competitiveness Act](#), was created to encourage U.S. scientific and technological innovations in education. Gabriela Gonzalez, deputy director of the Intel Foundation at the Intel Corporation, will chair the panel and David Evans, executive director of the National Science Teachers Association, will serve as vice chair. More information and a complete list of panel members can be found on the NSF [website](#).

Nomination Opportunities

- NEW: USDA: [National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board](#) (Closes: August 10, 2018)
- EPA: [Science Advisory Board and Standing Committees](#) (Closes: August 8, 2018)
- Census: [National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations](#) (Closes: August 3, 2018)
- CDC: [Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health](#) (Closes: August 1, 2018)

Funding Opportunities

- **NEW:** NIH: [Predoctoral Training in Advanced Data Analytics for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research \(BSSR\) Institutional Research Training Program \[T32\]](#) (Opens: October 16, 2018)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Obesity Policy Evaluation Research \(R01\)](#) (Closes: October 5, 2018)
- NIFA: [AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Program](#) (Closes: September 30, 2018)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Research Site for the HEALing Communities Study: Developing and Testing an Integrated Approach to Address the Opioid Crisis \(UM1\)](#) (Opens: September 17, 2018)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Data Coordinating Center for the HEALing Communities Study: Developing and Testing an Integrated Approach to Address the Opioid Crisis \(UM1\)](#) (Opens: September 17, 2018)
- **NEW:** NIFA: [2018 Innovations in Food and Agricultural Science and Technology \(I-FAST\) Prize Competition](#) (Closes: August 3, 2018)
- ED/OPE: [Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program](#) (Closes: July 26, 2018)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- Census: [Comment Request: 2020 Census](#) (Closes: August 7, 2018)
- **NEW:** OMB: [Request for Comments on the Cross-Agency Priority Goal: Leveraging Data as a Strategic Asset](#) (Closes: July 27, 2018)

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NIH: [Full Summary - Contributions of Social and Behavioral Research in Addressing the Opioid Crisis](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- NIH: [Good Clinical Practice for Social and Behavioral Research eLearning Course](#)

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Nomination Opportunities

- AAAS: [Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award](#) (Closes: August 1, 2018)
- AAAS: [Science Diplomacy Award](#) (Closes: August 1, 2018)
- AAAS: [Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) (Closes: August 1, 2018)
- AAAS: [Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) (Closes: August 1, 2018)

Funding Opportunities

- WhatsApp: [Research Awards for Social Science and Misinformation](#) (Closes: August 12, 2018)

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Science Breakthroughs to Advance Food and Agricultural Research by 2030](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Open Science by Design: Realizing a Vision for 21st Century Research](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- NASEM: [Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program](#)
(Closes: September 7, 2018)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [Joint Statistical Meetings](#), July 28-August 2, 2018, Vancouver, Canada
- [American Psychological Association Annual Convention](#), August 9-12, 2018, San Francisco, CA
- [American Sociological Association Annual Meeting](#), August 11-14, 2018, Philadelphia, PA
- [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#), August 30-September 2, 2018, Boston, MA
- [Golden Goose Award Ceremony and Reception](#), September 13, 2018, Washington, DC

A list of COSSA members' annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA [events page](#). COSSA members who have an upcoming event they would like to see listed in the Events Calendar and on our website should send an email to jmilton@coffa.org.

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