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Sweeping Innovation Bill Crosses the Finish Line

Before recessing for the remainder of summer, Congress passed the CHIPS and Science Act (H.R. 4346) in late July. This collection of bills has taken many forms over the last two years and has gone by many different names, including the Endless Frontier Act, America COMPETES Act, and U.S. Innovation and Competition Act). The final version gained traction over the last few months following significant disruption to the global microelectronics supply chain resulting from the ongoing pandemic. These concerns reinvigorated Congressional interest in innovation and competitiveness legislation, which led to the CHIPS and Science Act that also incorporates ambitious funding targets and other policy proposals for shoring up U.S. science agencies, including the National Science Foundation. The package also includes provisions related research security.

Passage of the CHIPS and Science Act is a major bipartisan victory for the oft-split Congress and is the first major science and innovation bill enacted in years. COSSA will be providing an in-depth look at the final bill in the coming weeks.

New from COSSA

August Headlines to Feature Deep Dive on NSF's Technology, Innovation and Partnerships Directorate

Join COSSA for our August 11 Headlines webinar to catch up on the most important social and behavioral science news from the past quarter and answer your questions. Stick around for a deep dive discussion on the National Science Foundation's new Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships (TIP) Directorate featuring TIP Director Erwin Gianchandani. Register for the webinar [here](#).



Harel Shapira & American Sociological Association Answer "Why Social Science" Can Shed Light on How People Perceive Guns



This month, as part of COSSA's ongoing Why Social Science? series on gun violence, we share a [video](#) produced by the American Sociological Association, a COSSA governing member.

Are guns weapons or tools? It depends who you ask. Dr. Harel Shapira of the University of Texas at Austin explains how gun owners are socialized to view guns as tools for self-defense.

Congressional News

Senate Appropriations Committee Releases FY 2023 Bills

On July 28, the Senate Appropriations Committee [released](#) its fiscal year (FY) 2023 appropriations bills. As [previously reported](#), the House introduced its bills in June and passed half of them in late July. While the Senate Appropriations Committee is not planning to take up the bills through the regular committee process, the release of the Senate bills allows House and Senate appropriators to begin talks and, hopefully, work toward an agreement on final FY 2023 spending in the fall.

Below is a comparison of the House-passed and draft Senate bills for science agencies:

	FY 2022 Enacted	FY 2023 House	FY 2023 Senate	Senate vs. FY 2022
National Institutes of Health	44959.0	47459.0	47959.0	6.7%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	8457.2	10499.4	10500.8	24.2%
National Science Foundation	8838.0	9631.2	10338.0	17.0%
DOD Basic Research (6.1)	2763.5	2598.8	3361.4	21.6%
National Institute of Food and Agriculture	1636.8	1768.0	1691.0	3.3%
Bureau of the Census	1354.0	1505.5	1485.0	9.7%
Institute of Education Sciences	737.0	844.1	831.4	12.8%
Bureau of Labor Statistics	688.0	658.3	723.5	5.2%
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	350.4	385.0	385.4	10.0%
National Agricultural Statistics Service	190.2	211.0	213.6	12.3%
Bureau of Economic Analysis	116.0	127.8	128.0	10.3%
Economic Research Service	87.8	90.6	96.1	9.4%
International Education and Foreign Language Studies	81.7	88.7	86.7	6.1%
Bureau of Justice Statistics	40.0	45.0	45.0	12.5%
National Institute of Justice	30.0	35.0	43.0	43.3%

COSSA will issue a full analysis of the Senate appropriations bills later this month.

NSF and Congressional Women in STEM Caucus Hold Joint Briefing

On July 28th, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and [Congressional Women in STEM Caucus](#) held a joint briefing, “Meeting Today’s Moment: A panel discussion with women leading the way on scientific innovations.” Panelists included Chief Operating Officer of NSF Karen Marrongelle, Professor and Endowed Chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of California at San Diego Rommie Amaro, Professor of Astronomy and Physics and College of Science Associate Dean for Research at the University of Arizona Feryal Özel, and Associate Professor of Physics and Director of the Institute for Gravitation and the Cosmos at Pennsylvania State University Sarah Shandera. The event was moderated by Caucus Co-Chair and Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA).

The event focused on highlighting scientific discoveries that result from funding research and the achievements and importance of women in STEM. Panelists discussed their own experiences as women in STEM, and the importance of encouraging more women into science and engineering fields.

This article was contributed by COSSA Intern Meghan O’Leary from Cornell University.

Executive Branch News

White House Releases Budget Priorities for R&D for FY 2024

On July 22, the White House released a [memorandum](#) outlining the Administration’s priorities for research and development (R&D) for the fiscal year (FY) 2024 budget cycle. This memorandum, which is traditionally released annually by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), aims to set cross-cutting priorities for all federal research agencies to consider as they develop their budget submissions. The FY 2024 memorandum lists seven such priorities for agencies to consider:

- Preparing for and preventing pandemics;
- Reducing the death rate from cancer in half;
- Tackling climate change;
- Advancing national security and technological competitiveness;
- Innovating for equity;
- Cultivating an equitable STEM education, engagement, and workforce; and

- Promoting open science and community-engaged R&D.

While the priorities listed are similar to those in the White House [R&D memorandum for FY 2023](#), there is notably more attention paid towards cancer research, national security, STEM education, and open science than the previous memorandum. More details can be found in the [FY 2024 memorandum](#).

Education Department Inviting Comments on Changes to Title IX

On June 23, the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Title IX law enforcing protections against sex-based discrimination in schools, the Department of Education [released](#) a proposal to change Title IX regulations and invited stakeholder feedback on the proposed changes. The proposal would implement several changes aiming to expand protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in schools. According to the announcement, the new Title IX rules would:

- Protect students and employees from all forms of sex discrimination and provide full protection from sex-based harassment.
- Protect the right of parents and guardians to support their school children.
- Require schools to take prompt and effective action to end any sex discrimination in their education programs or activities.
- Protect students and employees who are pregnant or have pregnancy-related conditions.
- Require schools to respond promptly to all complaints of sex discrimination with a fair and reliable process evaluated by trained, unbiased decisionmakers.
- Require schools to provide supportive measures to students and employees, including students who have brought complaints or been accused of sex-based harassment.
- Protect LGBTQI+ students from discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics.
- Clarify and confirm protection from retaliation for students, employees, and others who exercise their Title IX rights.
- Improve the adaptability of the regulations' grievance procedure requirements.
- Ensure that schools share their nondiscrimination policies with all students, employees, and others.

Comments will be accepted through September 12 through the [Federal Register](#). A complete [summary](#) of the changes is available on the Education Department [website](#).

NIH To Hold Two-Part Webinar Series on New Data Management and Sharing Policy

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will be hosting two [interactive webinars](#) on August 11 and September 22. The first event will cover the basics of NIH's new [Data Management and Sharing \(DMS\) Policy](#), including data sharing expectations and how to prepare a future DMS plan, which is expected to go into effect on January 25, 2023. The second event will go into more depth on those topics and expand upon privacy protection and data sharing limits. The events will feature the NIH Director of Scientific Data Sharing Policy Division Taunton Paine, the Director of Genomic Data Sharing Policy Implementation Julia Slutsman, and the Associate Director of Systems Integration Cindy Danielson. Registration for the series can be found [here](#).

This article was contributed by COSSA Intern Lucas Roemer of the University of Vermont.

Science Community News

National Academies Calls for Nominations for Panel on Women's Empowerment, Population Dynamics, and Socioeconomic Development

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) Committee on Population has announced they are accepting nominations for a [panel](#) on women's empowerment, population dynamics, and socioeconomic development. This panel will perform a study on the impact of women's empowerment on global social and economic development and provide recommendations. Goals of the study include developing a framework to conceptualize the impact of women's empowerment, reviewing the current literature, assess policy options, and set an agenda for future research priorities on this subject. Prospective panelists should have expertise in a related field of social science, including demography, sociology, economics, survey research, and public policy. Nominations will be accepted [here](#) through August 26, 2022.

Editor's Note

The *COSSA Washington Update* will be going on summer hiatus. We will return to our normal schedule beginning August 30. Members of a COSSA organization can sign up for [members-only emails](#) to receive news and updates during our break.

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- 7/29/2022: [Ad Hoc Group Statement on Draft Senate FY 2023 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Panel on Women's Empowerment, Population Dynamics, and Socioeconomic Development](#) (Closes: August 26, 2022)

Funding Opportunities

- **NEW:** NIH: [Galvanizing Health Equity Through Novel and Diverse Educational Resources \(GENDER\) Research Education R25 \(R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (Opens: September 27, 2022) (Closes: October 27, 2022)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Preventive Interventions to Address Cardiometabolic Risk Factors in Populations that Experience Health Disparities](#) (Closes: October 5, 2022)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Stimulating Research to Understand and Address Hunger, Hood and Nutrition Insecurity](#) (Closes: October 5, 2022)
- **NEW:** NIH/OBSSR: [Research on Addressing Violence to Improve Health Outcomes](#) (Closes: September 7, 2022)
- **NEW:** Research!America: [Civic Engagement Microgrant Program](#) (Closes: August 24, 2022)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- **NEW:** ED: [Comment Request: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance](#) (Closes: September 12, 2022)
- NSF: [Comment Request: National Science Foundation Request for Proposals](#) (Closes: August 16, 2022)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- **NEW:** OSTP/OMB: [Multi-Agency Research and Development Priorities for the FY 2024 Budget](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Early-Career Research Fellowship: Education Research Track](#) (Closes: August 24, 2022)
- NASEM: [Director of the Board on Human-Systems Integration](#) (rolling deadline)

Upcoming Events

- [Science for Voting Rights Hackathon](#), August 4, 2022
- [American Psychological Association Annual Convention](#), August 4-7, 2022, Minneapolis, MN
- [Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), August 4-7, 2022, Denver, CO
- [American Sociological Association Annual Meeting](#), August 5-9, 2022, Los Angeles, CA
- [Joint Statistical Meetings](#), August 6-11, 2022, Washington, DC
- [COSSA Headlines | Deep Dive on Technology, Innovation, & Partnerships at NSF, August 11, 2022](#)
- [Webinar on Implementing the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy, Part 1](#), August 11, 2022
- [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#), September 14-18, 2022, Montreal, Canada
- [NASEM Webinar: The Future is Now: Advancing and Sustaining an Equity-Oriented Science](#), September 20, 2022, Washington, DC
- [Webinar on Implementing the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy, Part 2](#), September 22, 2022
- [Council of Colleges of Arts and Science Annual Meeting](#), November 2-5, 2022, 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 bgoodrich@coffa.org.

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