

The Proposed Increase Difference Between House/Senate COVID-19 Bills (Bill Number 5)

These programs and funding sources represent a small piece of what is being debated in Washington DC. There are many additional issues such as small business/non-profit relief, nutrition programs, education funds child tax credits and specific housing relief that will have an impact on children and families and child welfare overall. This chart is focused on some of the most immediate child welfare related matters.

Program Name or Funding Source	HOUSE HEROES ACT MAY 2020	SENATE HEALS ACT AUGUST 2020	Explanation
TITLE IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance Subsidized Guardianship (FMAP INCREASE)	14 percent Increase	No FMAP Increase	House: July 1,2020 through June 30, 2021. This increases an earlier FMAP increase of 6.2 percent enacted in the second COVID-19 relief bill.
Medicaid (FMAP Increase)	14 percent Increase	No FMAP increase	House: July 1,2020 through June 30, 2021 This increases an earlier FMAP increase of 6.2 percent enacted in the second COVID-19 relief bill.
Chafee Independent Living	\$50 million	\$50 million	Both bills increase current funding of \$143 million to \$193 million. Both bills waive education and training requirements and the cap on use of funds for housing.
Chafee Education and Training Vouchers	\$36 million	No additional funding	House includes \$78 million-current funds set at \$42 million through appropriations
Child Welfare Services (CWS) Title IV-B, part 1	No funding	\$75 million	Under current law, CWS can be used for PPE, family supports including technology, prevention, CPS and a range of services
Court Improvement Fund	No funding	\$10 million	Senate would add these to current \$30 million, these funds to assist in court opening
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No funding	\$ 2 billion	Minimum work requirements suspended in House bill. Senate would require 20 percent match with state allocation based on poverty.
Social Services Block Grant (SSBG/Title XX)	\$9.6 billion	No additional funding	Half of House SSBG funding to be provided to local governments and community-based providers. SSBG funds may be used for the usual services including child welfare, CPS, prevention, etc. For the first time Tribal governments are eligible for direct funding.

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SSBG/Title XX Child Care Funding for Essential Workers	\$850 million	No additional funding	\$850 million through SSBG is to provide child care to essential workers who might not otherwise be covered under the Child Care and Development Block Grant
Child Care and Development Fund	\$7 billion CCDBG	\$5 billion CCDBG \$10 billion "Back to Work" Child Care grants	Senate \$10 billion grants for transition of 9 months to assist in fixed costs and increased operating expenses due to COVID and to re-enroll children in a way that supports health & safety of children and staff.
Home Visiting (Maternal, Infant, and early Childhood Home Visiting) (Title V) MIECHV	\$100 million	No additional funding	Funding to assist virtual visits, emergency supplies for families, and technology needs to advance virtual visits through technology
Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA) State Grants	\$20 million	No additional funding	Under current law state funds can be used for prevention, CPS, workers/family PPEs, etc
CAPTA Community Based Grants	\$20 million	\$50 million increase	Distributed to states without regard to the current 30 percent set-aside to leverage non-governmental funds
Family Violence Prevention and Services Grants	\$50 million	\$65 million	
Housing Eviction Restrictions	Extends/expands eviction moratorium of CARES Act. Loan modifications available to homeowners following the moratorium to prevent facing lump sum payment	No provision	
State Fiscal Relief	\$500 billion	Allows greater flexibility in the use of previous \$150 billion in state relief from earlier COVID-19 relief	
Local Fiscal Relief	\$375 billion	No provision	

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Tribal Fiscal Relief	\$20 billion	No Provision	
Territories	\$20 billion	No Provision	
Individual Tax Rebates	\$1200 a taxpayer (\$2400 joint filers) \$1200 per dependent up to 3 dependents	\$1200 a taxpayer (\$2400 joint filers) \$500 per dependent but no limit on age of dependents including adults	House same phase-out up to \$75,000 per individual or \$150,000 per couple. Senate phase-out \$99,000 per individual and joint files without children \$198,000
Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit	Increase to \$3,000 (\$3,600 if under 6 years old) and adds children who are 17 years old. These credits are fully refundable, and the Treasury will try to pay in advance.	No provision	

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