



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

**Education Task Force Report – 2011**

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The Education Task Force has led or participated in the following activities:

1. Key Meetings (as requested and ongoing):
  - a. Executive Branch
  - b. U.S. Department of Education
  - c. Members of Congress and their staff
2. Submitted Comments to:
  - a. Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities 76 Fed. Reg. 60310 – parental consent to access public insurance benefits to reimburse for services.
  - b. Reducing Regulatory Burden: Retrospective Review Under E.O. 13563 – inclusion of IDEA regulations as part of review process
3. Sent Letters or Participated in Hill [and grassroots] efforts for the following bills:
  - a. Appropriations for IDEA and ESEA
  - b. Keeping All Students Safe Act
  - c. IDEA Fairness Restoration Act
  - d. Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act
  - e. Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning Act
  - f. National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (military voucher program)
  - g. Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
    - i. Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act
    - ii. State and Local Funding Flexibility Act
    - iii. GREAT Act and other proposed legislation related to highly qualified teachers
    - iv. Elementary and Secondary Education Amendments Act of 2011
    - v. U.S. Department of Education ESEA waiver applications (first round)
4. Worked to address:
  - a. Interpretation of Maintenance of Effort under IDEA
  - b. Inclusion of Students with Disabilities in ED ESEA Waiver Process

In 2010, the Education Task Force expects to address the following:

1. Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to ensure students with disabilities are fully included in the reauthorized law.
2. S.2020 or other bills focused on prohibiting seclusion and restraint of school age students
3. Other as requested by the White House, U.S. Department of Education, Congress