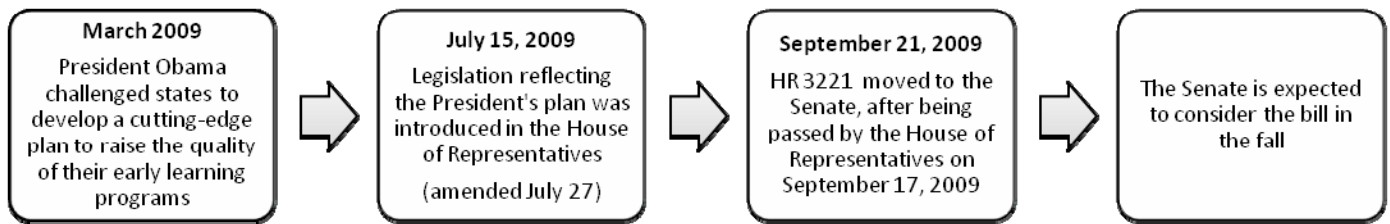


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Government websites:

- **House Bill, full text – September 21, 2009**

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h3221rfs.txt.pdf

Full text of the H.R.3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009, after being passed by the House of Representatives (September 17, 2009) and moving from the House to the Senate (September 21, 2009), before being considered by the Senate committee. Content of Title IV, the Early Learning Challenge Fund, is contained on pages 162-199.

- **U.S. Department of Education, press release – September 17, 2009**

<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2009/09/09172009b.html>

Announcement of Early Learning Challenge Fund passing in house

- **House Education and Labor Committee –**

<http://edlabor.house.gov/newsroom/2009/09/house-approves-legislation-to-1.shtml>

Committee on Education and Labor, September 17, 2009 press release on the Early Childhood Challenge fund

<http://edlabor.house.gov/newsroom/2009/07/chairman-miller-introduces-leg.shtml>

The official site of the House Committee on Education and Labor, chaired by Rep. George Miller, this site contains and updates information concerning House Report 3221, Title IV, of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA) of 2009, detailing the Early Learning Challenge Fund.

<http://edlabor.house.gov/documents/111/pdf/publications/SAFRA-EarlyLearning.pdf>

A one-page summary of the proposed legislation in the House of Representatives, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009, in which the ELCF is contained. July 2009.

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- **White House Overview – July 16, 2009** - <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ELCF.pdf>
Three-page summary of the ELCF issued by the White House highlighting the foundation of success in some states and the importance of promoting quality in early learning settings. President Obama challenges America's Governors to "raise the bar" across state early learning settings.
- **U.S. Department of Education, press release – July 17, 2009**
<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2009/07/07172009a.html>
Official press release on the ELCF from the U.S. Department of Education. Secretary Arne Duncan and HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius Highlight Agenda on Early Education and Support for Unprecedented Investment in Early Learning. Includes a link to a U.S. DOE Fact Sheet on the ELCF.

Audio Presentation:

- **Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) -**
http://www.clasp.org/resources_and_publications/publication?id=0577&list=publications#aug1
Child Care and Early Education Early Learning Challenge Fund Legislation Audio Conference (July 20, 2009). In this audio conference, Dr. Ruth Friedman, Senior Education Policy Advisor, House Committee on Education and Labor, provides an overview of the Early Learning Challenge Fund and answers questions about the legislation.
Download Audio - <http://www.clasp.org/admin/site/publications/files/072009.mp3>
Additional PDF - http://www.clasp.org/resources_and_publications/filter?type=presentations

Key Websites:

- **National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) -**
<http://www.naccrra.org/policy/early-learning-challenge-grants>
The NACCRRA page includes summaries of the House Education & Labor Committee action on the Early Learning Challenge Funds as well as statements and positions from the Obama Administration and NACCRRA action on the bill, including NACCRRA's letter of support.

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- **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – July 17, 2009 -** http://www.naeyc.org/policy/federal/07_17_09
NAEYC overview article entitled *NAECY Children's Champions: Early Learning Challenge Fund*, a bill that “would make a significant, multi-year investment in helping states build strong systems of high quality early childhood programs and would leverage additional investments in early childhood education.”
- **National Head Start Assn –July 17, 2009 -** http://www.nhsa.org/files/static_page_files/8A70A7D0-1D09-3519-AD4788FAD642E812/ELCF%20Summary.pdf
The National Head Start Association four page summary of the Early Learning Challenge Fund, Title IV of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA) provides an overview of key aspects of the legislation.
- **National Women's Law Center -** <http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/EarlyLearningChallengeGrantsSummary.pdf>
The National Women's Law Center has posted a seven page summary, highlighting key provisions of the Early Learning Challenge Fund (HR 3221).
- **Pre-K Now July 24, 2009** http://www.preknow.org/documents/ELCF_Post_Mark-up_Memo_7-24-09.pdf
Pre-K Now has made available a memo explaining how the *Early Learning Challenge Fund (ELCF)* is structured to provide competitive grants to states and what the states must do to apply for this funding.
- **ZERO TO THREE -** http://zttcfn.convio.net/site/DocServer/ELCF_Overview.pdf?docID=9161
ZERO TO THREE: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families, provides a three page outline summary of the proposed legislation.