



2021 AUCD Virtual Conference Closing Plenary Cheat Sheet

Did you enjoy hearing from the members of Congress who gave remarks during the closing plenary? We did! Here's a recap of the different bills that the Congressional speakers addressed:

Build Back Better Act (H.R.5376)

The Build Back Better Act (BBB) is a partisan bill that provides funding, establishes programs, and modifies regulations relating to a wide variety of areas, including education, labor, child care, healthcare, taxes, immigration, and the environment. Of importance to the disability community, the Build Back Better Act would make a \$150 dollar investment in Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), creating competitive integrated employment opportunities and moving away from 14(c) certificates, and professional development for direct support professionals (DSPs). BBB passed the House of Representatives on Friday, November 19th and now heads to the Senate.



*Which of the 2021 AUCD Conference Closing Plenary Congressional Members referred to the bill? **Senator Casey (PA), Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL), Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)***

**Referred to as "Better Care Better Jobs Act" in the pre-recorded videos.*

All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) Act of 2021 (H.R.3317) (S.1680)

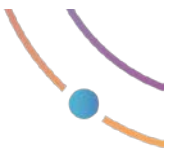
The All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) Act of 2021 would help make public transportation systems more accessible to people with disabilities. This bill would establish a grant program that would support local transit authorities and commuter rail efforts to increase the number of accessible stations and facilities that meet or exceed ADA accessibility requirements. The bill was included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58). President Biden signed the bill on November 25, 2021.



*Which of the 2021 AUCD Conference Closing Plenary Congressional Members referred to the bill? **Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL)***

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R.1319)

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 provides additional relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. Notably, ARP increased HCBS funding. This bill became law (Public Law 117-2). President Biden signed the bill on March 11, 2021.



*Which of the 2021 AUCD Conference Closing Plenary Congressional Members referred to the bill? **Senator Bob Casey (PA), Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL), Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)***

Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act (TICEA) (H.R.2373)(S. 3238)

The Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act (TICEA) ends the use of subminimum wage after a transition period. It provides subminimum wage certificate holders with resources and technical assistance to help workers with disabilities move into community employment for minimum wage.



*Which of the 2021 AUCD Conference Closing Plenary Congressional Members referred to the bill? **Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05)***

Senator Casey (PA) also introduced the bill in the Senate on Thursday, November 18th.

ABLE Age Adjustment Act (H.R.1219) (S.331)

The ABLE Age Adjustment Act raises the age limit for eligibility to open an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account from 26 years old to 46 years old. An ABLE account allows the people with disabilities within the age limits to set money aside for expenses related to having a disability in a way that earns special tax credits.



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Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act (H.R. 3673) (S. 2065)

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Restoration Act modifies the SSI benefits program by (1) removing certain income limits and raising the resource limit to remove barriers for SSI eligibility, (2) making annual inflation adjustments for benefits, and (3) removing certain SSI penalties related to disposing of resources for less than fair market value.



*Which of the 2021 AUCD Conference Closing Plenary Congressional Members referred to the bill? **Senator Sherrod Brown (OH-05)***