



Fact Sheet: House Concurrent Resolution

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Name of Legislative Source:

[House Concurrent Resolution](#) (House CR)

Proposed Change:

The House CR, as written, does not specifically name the Medicaid and school lunch reductions, which makes understanding the implications challenging. However, the CR alludes to two committee budget reductions that cannot be made without hurting education.

Below are the relative pieces of the CR that call for reductions that cannot be made without hurting thousands of students.

Section 2001. Reconciliation in the House Representatives, (b) Instructions -

[\(3\) COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE](#)—The Committee on Education and Workforce shall submit changes in laws within its jurisdiction to reduce the deficit by not less than \$330,000,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2034.

[\(4\) COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE](#)—The Committee on Energy and Commerce shall submit changes in laws within its jurisdiction to reduce the deficit by not less than \$880,000,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2034.

Implications of CR mandated reductions in (3) and (4) above:

- In (3) above, the Committee on Education and Workforce Budget oversees school nutrition, including the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as highlighted on the Committee's website ([HERE](#)).
 - CMS has approximately 110 schools that are CEP schools. That is approximately 110 schools out of a total of 186 schools that will lose automatic school-wide meals. The approximate 110 schools are designated CEP because more than 25 percent of their student body live at a certain percentage below the federal poverty line.
- In (4) above, the Committee on Energy and Commerce oversees Medicaid as highlighted on the Committee's website ([HERE](#)).
 - They cannot achieve the cuts in the CR without cutting Medicaid services to students with learning differences.

Outcomes:

Based on the cuts required by the recently passed House CR, previous House committee meetings, and widespread reporting, it is the belief of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools that these cuts will include:

- A change to CEP eligibility threshold from 25% to 60% - (3) above. The impact of these cuts will be that more than 35,000 CMS students will lose free lunch and another 40,000 students who will have to go through a burdensome eligibility certification.
 - Of the 40,000 students who will need to individually apply, there will be students who will not be able to provide all the documentation required for certification and this will leave many children without food all day.
 - Of the 35,000 children who will no longer qualify, many of those families live on the poverty line, and will not have enough to pay for food and utility bills, for example.
- The elimination of Medicaid reimbursements that provide funding for students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and/or Section 504 plan - (4) above. These plans are developed and based on ensuring essential resources to students of various abilities. The impact of this cut will affect 17,000 CMS students under these two programs, including 3,000 students with significant needs, such as full-time nurses at schools, special mobility services, speech therapists, medication administration, etc.

Next Step in Process:

1. The Senate and House passed different Budget CRs. As a result, each Chamber will need to vote to determine if they are willing to agree to the other Chamber's CR. Based on history, and the Board's experience, it is unlikely that either Chamber will vote to accept the other Chamber's Budget.
2. That will force a Conference Committee between the two Chambers. That committee will have to negotiate the differences in the two budgets and create a *singular* Conference Report that would then have to be voted on by both Chambers.
3. Once both Chambers have adopted the Conference Report, it will go to President Trump for his signature.

Relative Accompanying Sources:

- **Charlotte Observer:** [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools board warns about cuts outlined in US House budget](#)
- **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities:** [House Republican Budget Takes Away Health Care, Food Aid to Pay for Expanded Tax Cuts for Wealthy](#)
- **K-12 Dive:** [House Republicans float plan to cut Community Eligibility Provision](#)
- **AP:** [Republicans consider cuts and work requirements for Medicaid, jeopardizing care for millions](#)
- **NBC News:** [House Republicans representing large shares of Medicaid, SNAP beneficiaries face tough budget test](#)
- **Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy:** [House Budget Committee Circulates New Detailed List of Budget Reconciliation Options Including Draconian Medicaid Cuts Within House Republican Caucus](#)
- **US News & World Report:** [A Look at the House Budget Bill – and What's Delaying it](#)
- **Forbes:** [Medicaid Cuts Threaten A Key House Vote On Trump's Agenda Today—Here's Why The GOP Is Divided](#)