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Federal Legislation

119th Congress

Several bills introduced in the 119th Congress would expand access to music education for students, support teacher recruitment and retention, and preserve the federal role in education.

Below is a list of legislation NAfME supports.

Arts Education

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Focus
Arts Education for All Act H.R.2485	Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1)	Broad expansion/integration of arts education in early childhood and K–12 education
HBCU Arts Act H.R.2664	Rep. Alma Adams (NC-12)	Grant support for education and cultural programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
Reimagining Inclusive Arts Education Act H.R.3852	Rep. David Scott (GA-13)	Inclusive arts education and professional development, particularly for students with disabilities
Equitable Arts Education Enhancement Act H.R.5399	Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (CA-37)	Equity and support for arts education at minority-serving institutions
Guarantee Access to Arts and Music Education Act of 2026 H.R.7855/S.4018	Rep. Nydia Velázquez (NY-7)/Sen. Cory Booker (NJ)	Expanded access to school-wide arts and music programs, particularly for disadvantaged and low-income students

Educator Support, Recruitment, and Retention

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Focus
Teacher and School Leader Quality Partnership Grants Act H.R.1331	Rep. Jennifer McClellan (VA-4)	Enhance teacher and school leader quality partnership grants
Respect, Advancement, and Increasing Support for Educators (RAISE) Act H.R.1611/S.1697	Rep. Jahana Hayes (CT-5)/Sen. Cory Booker (NJ)	Federal teacher tax credit and support for educators
Supporting the Mental Health of Educators and Staff Act of 2025 H.R.4120	Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1)	Mental health support for educators and school staff
Pay Teachers Act S.2481	Sen. Bernie Sanders (VT)	Ensuring teachers are paid livable and competitive salaries

Federal Role in Education

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Focus
Department of Education Protection Act H.R.433	Rep. Jahana Hayes (CT-5)	Prohibits use of funds to reorganize the Department of Education
IDEA Full Funding Act H.R.2598/S.1277	Rep. Jared Huffman (CA-2)/Sen. Chris Van Hollen (MD)	Full federal funding for special education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)