



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN



Act of 2021

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN will provide urgently needed relief in the form of \$1.9 trillion to help American families, businesses, students and workers recover from the pandemic.

It will cut child poverty in half, extend a lifeline to the unemployed, help families pay their bills and keep a roof over their heads, help states and local communities save the jobs of the people who provide essential services, and safely reopen schools.

THE PLAN CONTAINS:



\$350 billion

to state and local governments to help cash-strapped state, local and town operations. This money will prevent mass layoffs of public employees, and can be used to provide premium pay to essential workers.



\$140 million

to support mental health and decrease burnout of healthcare professionals.



\$170 billion

to help schools and colleges, including:

\$126 billion to public K-12 schools, with funding specifically to address learning loss, and

\$40 billion to higher education institutions, with at least 50 percent required to be allocated to emergency financial aid to students.



Lower health insurance premiums

for millions who buy insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace.



100% subsidies

for continuation of job-based health coverage (COBRA) for those who have lost employer-sponsored healthcare.



\$1,400 in direct payments

to the vast majority of Americans.



\$40 billion

to stabilize child care and the child care workforce.



\$300 per week

in enhanced unemployment insurance benefits through Sept. 6, 2021.



\$7.1 billion

in E-Rate funding to expand broadband access.



\$14 billion

to speed vaccine distribution.



\$100 million

for emergency assistance for rural housing.



\$49 billion

for COVID-19 testing, tracing and research.



Stabilization funding

for distressed multiemployer pensions and improvements to single-employer pension plans.



Extension of credits

to public sector employers that voluntarily offer emergency paid sick leave and family leave benefits.



\$24 billion

for Community Health Centers, rural healthcare providers and a public health workforce.



Expansion and improvement

of the child tax credit and the earned income tax credit.

The American Rescue Plan is a lifeline for millions of Americans and for the country itself. And it is a testament to the power of winning elections. The AFT pushed to go bold, and that's exactly what we got—a recovery plan on the scale needed to enable us to recover from the crises we face. Think about what this one ambitious piece of legislation will do—cut child poverty in half. Every person in this country deserves the freedom to thrive, fueled by opportunity and justice. This plan helps make it possible for Americans to recover from our struggles and thrive.

