



## Key Legislation



### **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Opportunity Act**

**Bill Numbers:** S.2064/H.R.3964

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)/Rep. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

**Summary:** Expands eligibility for Federal Direct Loan and Federal Perkins Loans programs under the Higher Education Act (HEA) to students in short-term skills and job training programs that lead to industry-based credentials.

### **New Skills for New Jobs Act**

**Bill Number:** S.2124

**Lead Sponsor:** Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

**Summary:** Directs the Treasury to make payments to eligible community colleges in an amount equal to the new job tax withholding to cover the cost of education or training provided to job trainees.

### **Jumpstart Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act**

**Bill Numbers:** S.1900/H.R.3985

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)/Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA)

**Summary:** Expands Pell Grant eligibility under HEA to students enrolled in short-term training programs that lead to industry-based credentials and in-demand careers.

### **Grants for Renewable Energy Education for the Nation (GREEN) Act**

**Bill Number:** H.R.2763

**Lead Sponsor:** Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-CA)

**Summary:** Authorizes grants to partnerships of school districts, postsecondary institutions and energy industry representatives to develop programs of study focused on careers in the fields of clean and renewable energy.

### **Building Understanding, Investment, Learning, and Direction (BUILD) CTE Act**

**Bill Numbers:** S.1166/H.R.2186

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)/Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR)

**Summary:** Authorizes grants to school districts for CTE exploration programs that provide middle and high school students with experiential learning opportunities that are connected to their education and career pathways.

### **Go to High School, Go to College Act**

**Bill Numbers:** S.1106/H.R.2065

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)/Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH)

**Summary:** Amends HEA to allow for the awarding of Pell grants to students to support their enrollment in, and completion of, postsecondary courses offered through early college high schools.

### **Creating Quality Technical Educators Act/Technical Education and Career Help (TEACH) Act**

**Bill Numbers:** S.2174/H.R.4263

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)/Rep. Alex Mooney (R-WV)

**Summary:** Amends HEA to provide for the preparation of CTE teachers.

### **Working Student Act**

**Bill Numbers:** S.2065/H.R.4433

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)/Rep. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

**Summary:** Amends HEA to increase the income protection allowance for financial aid programs to support working students.

### **Educating Tomorrow's Workforce Act**

**Bill Number:** S.191

**Lead Sponsor:** Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)

**Summary:** Amends the Carl D. Perkins CTE Act to support states and local recipients in the development and implementation of CTE programs of study.

### **Middle School Technical Education Program (STEP) Act**

**Bill Numbers:** S.1609/H.R.3346

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)/Rep. Gwen Graham (D-FL)

**Summary:** Creates a pilot program to award grants to eligible partnerships to develop middle school CTE exploration programs that transition to CTE programs of study.

### **Student Right to Know Before You Go Act of 2015**

**Bill Numbers:** S. 1195/H.R. 2518

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)/Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA)

**Summary:** Modifies reporting requirements in HEA for institutions of higher education that participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs.