



## JOB TRAINING AND CAREER EDUCATION PENDING LEGISLATION & GRANTS

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### **Perkins Career and Technical Education State Grants** (Appropriations)

Appropriations for CTE have not kept pace with growing demand.

### **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act** (Ed & Workforce)

Ed & Workforce has held two hearings on WIOA, focusing on how to generate greater employer involvement and better job-placement outcomes.

### **Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act**, H.R. 1477/S. 722, (W&M, Finance)

Would expand 529 savings plans to cover postsecondary training and credentialing.

### **Jumpstarting Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act**, S. 161 (HELP)

### **Promoting Employment and Lifelong Learning (PELL) Act**, H.R. 496 (Ed & Workforce)

Both bills would make Pell Grants available for shorter-term workforce education opportunities. The PELL Act's criteria seem simpler and likely to generate more uptake.

### **Gateways to Careers Act**, S. 2402 (HELP)

Would promote sectoral training through DOL grants to state agencies. Covers short-term education programs and longer-term mentoring and requires training providers to offer support services.

### **Youth Apprenticeship Advancement Act**, S. 2363 (HELP)

Builds on DOL program authorizing \$100 million for Youth Apprenticeship Advancement Fund.

### **National Apprenticeship Act of 2023**, S. 2122 (HELP)

Would reauthorize the NAA, emphasizing nontraditional apprenticeship occupations and populations. Would also create a new DOL Office of Apprenticeship. Regarding the construction industry, would stipulate that at least half the industry partners involved in crafting occupational standards must be from labor unions.

### **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act**

DOE is administering over \$250 million in BIL/IRA grants to train a "clean energy workforce."