

A National Perspective

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Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V)

- The U.S. Department of Education approved all state plans
- Pennsylvania is one of nine states with combined plans

Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Budget and Appropriations

- February: Presidential FY21 Budget Request
 - \$900 million increase for CTE (\$680 million to the Basic State Grant)
- July: House Appropriations Committee Passed FY21 Appropriations Bill
 - \$18 million increase to the Perkins Basic State Grant



2020 Presidential Campaign

- Where do the candidates stand on CTE?
 - Former Vice President Joe Biden
 - Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force Recommendations
 - Proposal to guarantee every American the skills and education they need to get ahead
 - President Donald Trump
 - Pledge to America's Workers: A Call to Action by the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board
 - Executive Order on Skills-Based Hiring
 - "Find Something New" Campaign
- Check out Advance CTE's <u>2020 Election blog series</u> to learn more



COVID-19 and CTE

- Like the rest of education, CTE was delivered remotely through an array of practices to finish the school year
 - Check out fact sheets on <u>delivering remote CTE</u> and <u>remote work-based learning</u>
- As states develop re-opening plans, some include separate CTE plans
- These plans are largely remote, or a hybrid remote and in-person strategy



COVID-19 Federal Response: Stimulus Bill Implementation

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act
 - Third stimulus package that included education funding and flexibility
 - Education Stabilization Fund included:
 - Governor's Emergency Relief Fund;
 - Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund, and
 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
 - Some of the policy provisions included covered the National Emergency Education Waiver and flexibilities for student financial aid



COVID-19 Federal Response: Introduced Legislation

- Relaunching America's Workforce Act (RAWA)
 - Stimulus bill introduced by House Democrats on education and workforce development
 - Includes \$1 billion for CTE and \$2 billion for TAACCCT
- Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Solutions (HEROES) Act
 - \$3 trillion relief bill passed by the House on May 15
 - Includes flexibility for Perkins retention of funds, pooling of funds, and professional development
 - Does not include CTE-specific funding



COVID-19 Federal Response: Introduced Legislation

- Coronavirus Child Care and Education Relief Act (CCCERA)
 - Introduced by Senate Democrats in July
 - Would provide \$430 billion for child care and education activities
 - Includes \$1 billion for CTE programs and activities



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What's Next?

- CTE will be an important strategy for economic recovery
- How do you plan to leverage CTE?
- What do you need in order to continue to implement high quality CTE?



Questions?

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