

NCCA Monthly Advocacy Report March 2022

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On The Hill

March kicked off with President Biden's first State of the Union address. During his speech, he discussed the crisis in Ukraine and outlined four major bipartisan priorities for his Administration. These were largely healthcare focused, and included mental health, addressing the opioid epidemic, supporting veterans healthcare, and ending cancer.

The FY22 Appropriations bill finally past mid-way through this month, funding the government through September 30th of this year. As such, Congress has turned their attention to FY23. The President's budget came out on March 28th, and the Congressional process is expedited a bit, with some requests due within the next week. We anticipate committee negotiations to continue through the spring.

The other major priority in Congress this month has been the confirmation of Supreme Court Nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson. After a few weeks of meetings with Congressmembers and Judiciary Committee hearings, Judge Jackson is expected to be confirmed in early April.

Bipartisan Innovation Act

Majority Leader Schumer invoked cloture on the America COMPETES Act this month; the Senate version of the bill (with text that was a direct substitute of their earlier US Innovation and Competition Act) was passed on March 28th. This procedural move now allows the America COMPETES Act to go to a formal conference committee process where the House and Senate will reconcile their differences. Reports from the Hill indicate that final text won't likely be released until summer. We are awaiting details on the conference committee before taking official steps to weigh in, but have a draft letter to send on NCCA's behalf once this is finalized.

President's Budget

The White House delivered President Biden's budget proposal to Capitol Hill on March 28. The President's proposal for the Department of Labor includes a proposed increase of more than \$100 million to expand Registered Apprenticeship opportunities and a proposed increase of more than \$200 million in funding for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Employment Service State Grants, all with the goal of increasing and improving the employee talent pool.

WIOA Reauthorization

On the last day of March, House Education and Labor Committee Democrats introduced the WIOA Reauthorization Act of 2022. This bill is not bipartisan. It includes additional support for industry-sector partnerships and community college partnerships, among other priorities. In an abnormally fast turnaround, it will receive a markup in the House Education and Labor Committee in early April and could reach the floor by summer. However, we have also learned that Senate HELP Committee leadership (who would need bipartisan consensus to move forward) have been unable to reach an agreement on WIOA, so a path forward to full reauthorization is unclear at this time.

Our team has engaged with several offices on Education and Labor on this, including Rep. GT Thompson, who will be introducing an amendment pushing for Title II funds to be used for certain recruitment outreach and social media initiatives and for additional support for career counseling. In addition to speaking with committee staff, we have also put a request out to Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, who has been supportive of our efforts in the past, to discuss. We will continue to keep NCCA updated as things progress on this front.

Member Engagement

Our team is finalizing travel details for the upcoming NCCA conference, and will be recording a virtual session in April alongside Public Policy Committee members. We continue to report out to committee members on a weekly basis about what is happening on the Hill in general and as it relates to NCCA.

Bills

National Career Development Association (30)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 4521	Message On House Action Received In Senate And At Desk House Requests A Conference 2022 04 04	Passed Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-07-19
America COMPETES Act of 2022

Primary Sponsors
Eddie Johnson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7309	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2022 03 31	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2022-03-31
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2022

Primary Sponsors
Bobby Scott

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6255	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 12 13	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-12-13
Employer-Directed Skills Act

Primary Sponsors
Elise Stefanik

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 5376	Motion To Reconsider Laid On The Table 2021 11 19	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-09-27
Build Back Better Act

Primary Sponsors
John Yarmuth

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 1886	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 05 27	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-05-27
Apprenticeships to College Act

Primary Sponsors
Amy Klobuchar

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 3342	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 05 19	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-05-19
Youth Workforce Readiness Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Josh Harder

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 1696	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 05 19	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-05-19
Youth Workforce Readiness Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Tina Smith

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 1534	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 05 10	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-05-10
REO Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Gary Peters

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 1225	Referred To The Subcommittee On Immigration And Citizenship 2021 04 28	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-23
National Security Diversity and Inclusion Workforce Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Gerry Connolly

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 2733	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 04 21	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-04-21
Counseling for Career Choice Act

Primary Sponsors
Jim Langevin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 1026	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 03 25	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-25
American Apprenticeship Act

Primary Sponsors
Amy Klobuchar

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 2174	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 03 23	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-23
Success for Rural Students and Communities Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Elise Stefanik

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 885	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions Sponsor Introductory Remarks On Measure Cr S 1674 2021 03 22	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-22
Success for Rural Students and Communities Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Susan Collins

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 636	Referred To The Subcommittee On Immigration And Citizenship 2021 03 22	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-01
PARTNERS Act

Primary Sponsors
Suzanne Bonamici

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 1319	Became Public Law No 117 2 2021 03 11	Enacted

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-24
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
John Yarmuth

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 1402	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 26	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-26
More Choice for Career Training Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
John Carter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 477	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2021 02 25	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-25
Hospitality and Commerce Job Recovery Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Catherine Cortez Masto

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 447	Received In The Senate And Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 25	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-25
National Apprenticeship Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Bobby Scott

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 487	Referred To The Subcommittee On Nutrition Oversight And Department Operations 2021 02 24	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-25
RESET for America's Future Act

Primary Sponsors
Abigail Spanberger

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 396	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 23	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-23
Apprenticeship Hubs Across America Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Chris Coons

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 854	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 04	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-04
Youth Corps Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Freddi Wilson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 200	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 03	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-03
Relaunching America's Workforce Act

Primary Sponsors
Patty Murray

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 702	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
To direct the Secretary of Labor to award grants to develop, administer, and evaluate early childhood education apprenticeships, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors
Brett Guthrie

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 703	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
Apprenticeship Futures for All Act

Primary Sponsors
Pramila Jayapal

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 720	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
CHANCE in TECH Act

Primary Sponsors
Seth Moulton

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 691	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
Expanding Opportunity through Pre-Apprenticeships Act

Primary Sponsors
Tony Cardenas

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 683	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
Apprenticeship Access for All Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Alma Adams

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 186	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 02	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
Early Educators Apprenticeship Act

Primary Sponsors
Todd Young

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 602	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 01 28	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-28
Relaunching America's Workforce Act

Primary Sponsors
Bobby Scott

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 52	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 01 26	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-26
Gateway to Careers Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Maggie Hassan

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