

# NATIONAL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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# National Policy & Legislative Landscape

## PRESSING POLICY TOPICS

- Immigration
- Blue Lives Matter
- Block Granting
- Tax Cuts

## NATIONAL INITIATIVES

- Opportunity Youth Network
- Boys and Young Men of Color Movement
- Girls and Young Women of Color Movement

**OPPORTUNITY  
YOUTH**

## FEDERAL

- WIOA Implementation
- Performance Partnership Pilots
- School Choice / Vouchers
- Roll Back of Civil Rights Protections

## LEGISLATIVE

- Deep Cuts: Budget and Appropriations
- Reauthorizations: HEA, Perkins CTE, JJDPA
- DACA Youth
- Healthcare Repeal/Replace
- Youth Jobs

# Administration/Agency/Congressional Outlook

- Threats to HealthCare, Immigrants, Communities of Color
- Budget Reconciliation and Deep Cuts on Appropriations
- Appropriations for FY19 and the remainder of FY18
- Executive, subcabinet and judicial nominations
- Soured relations between members
- Executive Actions Across Departments
- Agency Policies That Roll Back Civil Rights
- Recovery and Rebuilding after natural disasters
- Investigations
- Not much session time to get things done
  - Budget, Supplemental Funding, Chip/Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting, Tax “Reform”, DACA

# Youth Jobs Bills

## • **Opening Doors for Youth Act**

- \$1.5B in formula grants for subsidized summer jobs
- \$2B in formula grants for partially subsidized year-round jobs
- \$2B in competitive grants for community partnerships

## **Employ Young Americans Now Act**

- \$5.5 billion in immediate funding to employ 1 million young Americans in summer and year-round jobs

# Youth Jobs Bills

- **HERO for At-Risk Youth Act**
- Encourage the business community to become a partner
- Provide a tax credit of up to \$2,400 for businesses that hire and train youth ages 16-25 who are out of school and out of work.

## **Creating Pathways for Youth Employment Act**

- Local governments and community organizations apply directly for federal funding to create and expand summer and year-round employment programs for young people.
- Establish a five-year, \$1.5 billion competitive grant program for youth summer employment and a five-year
- \$2 billion competitive grant program for youth year-round employment that will provide financial support for communities seeking to create, improve, or grow summer and year-round employment opportunities for youth ages 14-24

# Higher Education

- Reauthorization unlikely this year or even next year
- Year-round Pell was included in appropriations process
- There is still Ability To Benefit Provision for Students in Career Pathways
- Access issues related to justice-involved individuals
- SUCCESS Act (HR 1432) gives Pell eligibility for students with drug convictions -- bipartisan
- REAL Act (HR 254) reinstates Pell for individuals incarcerated in a federal or state penal institution, seeking republican sponsors

# Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

- JJDPA is the only federal statute that sets out national standards for the custody and care of youth in the juvenile justice system
- Four core mandates (protections)
  - Prohibits detaining status offenders
  - Adult jail removal
  - Sight & sound separation
  - Reduce racial and ethnic disparities
- Passed Senate and House; Senate Majority Leader has yet to appoint conferees, and refuses to bring bill to the floor
  - Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) provision will be a sticking point in negotiations

# Perkins Career & Technical Education

- House passed a reauthorization bill in June
  - Bill took away secretary's authority on enforcement and maintenance of effort
- Senate members are urging for its passage
  - A letter sponsored by Senators Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and Claire McCaskill (D-MO), encouraged the HELP committee to take up Perkins reauthorization