Federal Workforce and Higher Education Policy Update
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Key Developments in Skills Policy

• FY 2017 Appropriations
• Apprenticeship
• Perkins CTE
• Higher Education Act/America’s Promise
• TANF
• WIOA Regs
FY 2017 Appropriations

• End of Fiscal Year – Sept. 30
• Continuing Resolution Likely – but for how long?
• House and Senate Appropriations Committees pass Labor-HHS Bills
Labor-HHS Bills

- WIOA Title I
- Title II/Perkins
- Year Round Pell (Senate)
- Apprenticeship
Administration Efforts around Apprenticeship

- State Accelerator and Expansion Grants
- Contracts with National Industry and Equity Partners
- $175 million in AAI grants
- Registered Apprenticeship – College Consortium
- $2B “Apprenticeship Training Fund,” $90M apprenticeship grant proposal in FY 2017 budget
EARNs Act

• Increase opportunities for Apprenticeship and Pre-apprenticeship programming
• Expanding Linkages with Postsecondary Education
• Subsidies to Sponsors
Carl D. Perkins Act

• “Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act”
• Alignment with WIOA planning performance requirements, but reduced federal role
• Full House passage possible in September, Senate process unclear
Higher Education

- Comprehensive reauthorization unlikely this year
- House – passed “prior-prior,” data bills in July
- Senate - ESSA implementation focus
- America’s Promise Grants (DOL) - $100M for college-industry partnerships
TANF Reauthorization

- July 2015 – Ways and Means discussion draft
- June 2016 – House Task Force report; one-year extension passed by House
- Senate – EMPOWER Act (King, Ayotte, Brown, Capito)
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Final Rules

• Released June 28th
• Some changes from NPRMs, but limited guidance on key issues (sector partnerships, career pathways)
• Further guidance anticipated as states continue plan revisions, implementation
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