NASDCTEc Legislative Update: Summer Edition

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Political Landscape: Remainder of 2014

- Limited number of legislative days left
- Midterm elections
- Committee retirements, reassignments
- Legislative queue
FY15 Budget & Appropriations

• Perkins funding in FY 14 Omnibus & BBA
• Obama Administration’s FY 15 budget request
• House & Senate hearings with Secretary Duncan
  – Main takeaways
• FY 15 appropriations outlook for Perkins
The Perkins Act: An Update

• New CTE Caucus
• Field hearing in Las Vegas
• House Perkins Amendment
• Coalition letter
• Early stages of consideration
Perkins Emerging Themes / Topics of Interest

- Links to the labor market
- Accountability
- Secondary-postsecondary connections
- Hold harmless & MOE
- Authorization levels
- Blueprint proposals
- Programs of Study
Other CTE-related Legislation

- GREEN Act
- CREDIT Act
- BUILD CTE Act
- JOBS Tax Credit Act
- SETRA
Administration Initiatives

- Youth CareerConnect (YCC)
- American Apprenticeship Grants
- Registered Apprenticeship College Consortium (RACC)
- Performance Partnership Pilots (P3)
- "First in the World" program
- Career Pathways RFI
Postsecondary Updates

• Gainful Employment
  – Discretionary income-to-debt ratio
  – Annual income-to-debt ratio
  – Program cohort default rate (pCDR)
• Final round of TAACCCT
• Higher Education Act Outlook
  – JOBS Act
  – Proposals expected in 2014
Background: The Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

- House – SKILLS Act (H.R. 803)
  - Partisan vote; block grant proposal
- Senate – WIA 2013 (S. 1356)
  - Bipartisan effort
- Closed-door negotiations
- One-Stop funding concerns
The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

- Bipartisan, bicameral compromise
- Eliminates “Sequence of Services”
- Introduces common measures
- Career Pathways Emphasis
- Direct contracting
WIOA One-Stop Infrastructure Funding

- Only postsecondary CTE programs receiving Perkins funds
- MOU first; Funding mechanism second
- Limitation provisions
- Statutory authority for funding
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