

Advance CTE Newsletter

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Your voice from the nation's capital



Dear Members,

Hello and happy almost CTE month! We are excited to kick off the new year with our annual [State Policies Impacting CTE: 2017 Year in Review](#). What an incredible year for CTE! Forty-nine states enacted 240 CTE-related policies, in large part due to your continued leadership and advocacy for CTE in your state. I encourage you to see what policies other states passed last year, and the overall trends in CTE policymaking [here](#).

This month we also opened registration to our annual Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. Join us April 4 - 6 to get the latest updates on reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Carer and Technical Education Act, find common solutions to challenges you're facing in your state, collaborate to address vexing equity issues and network with state CTE leaders from across the nation. Be sure to [register](#) before February 9 to receive our early-bird discount!

While things have been a bit tumultuous on Capitol Hill, we have continued to advocate fiercely for Perkins reauthorization. Read more about our efforts in the View from the Hill below.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Green,
Executive Director

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Member Updates

Check Out Our Newest Members-only Resources!

As a member of Advance CTE, you have exclusive access to resources, including our [membership directory](#) as well as a growing number of state and federal policy resources. You will need to sign into our website using your member credentials to access these resources.

Over the past two months, we have released an [ongoing series](#) analyzing the results of the

Member Highlights and Transitions

Idaho's Division of Career Technical Education is making the case for how CTE can help solve the state's STEM workforce crisis. Check out State Director Dwight Johnson in this [comprehensive article](#) from the Idaho Statesman.

Advance CTE would like to say thank you and bid a fond farewell to Patty Cantu of **Michigan** and Wayne Kutzer of **North Dakota**. Both have been longtime members of the Advance CTE family and will be retiring in February.

Wayne also asked us to share the [link](#) to his job posting. Please share with your networks!

View from the Hill

The first order of business for Congress in 2018 was to keep the government open past January 19, when the last short-term funding measure would expire. Congress did not come to an agreement until January 22, which meant that the government was shut down for three days. On January 22, Congress passed a continuing resolution to keep the government funded until February 8. Due to the budget caps for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18), Congress applied a small (0.6791 percent) across-the-board cut, which impacts education programs that are forward-funded (including the the Perkins Basic State Grant). However, Congress has the opportunity to nullify these cuts when they come to a final agreement for the FY18 spending bills and Advance CTE will advocate for such action as Congress works to finalize these bills.

Advance CTE has also been advocating for the Senate to take up reauthorization of Perkins. We have continued to meet with partner organizations and staff for the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee to answer questions and ensure they are aware of Advance CTE's [Perkins recommendations](#). In addition, the Senate CTE Caucus held a briefing, Perkins CTE and How Reauthorization Can Improve Programs. During the briefing, Kimberly Green, Advance CTE's Executive Director and Alisha Hyslop, the Director of Public Policy at the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), presented on the history of Perkins, provided state and local examples of implementation and covered how reauthorization could improve programs.

State Policy Overview

In 2017, 49 states and Washington, D.C. passed a total of 241 CTE-related policies, according to new report from Advance CTE and ACTE, [State Policies Impacting CTE: 2017 Year in Review](#). The report finds that states were far more active on CTE in 2017 than the year before, and that the top policy areas of focus were funding; data, reporting and/or accountability; and industry-recognized credentials. Members can access the report in the [Resource Center](#) and download an exclusive members-only state policy tracker [here](#).

In other news, many state governors have kicked off the 2018 legislative session by laying out their agendas in their annual State of the State addresses. In **Idaho**, **Indiana** and many other states, governors are celebrating last year's achievements and outlining plans to leverage new policy developments to sustain commitments for CTE. Read more on our [blog](#).

Where We've Been

Staff presented at a number of events including:

- Senate CTE Caucus Briefing on Perkins CTE and How Reauthorization Can Improve Programs
- National Governor Association's Work-Based Learning Policy Academy
- UnidosUS & National Urban Leagues' briefing on CTE and ESSA

- DECA's Thought Leadership Conference

Staff also attended a number of events and meetings including:

- Campaign to Invest in America's Workforce (CIAW) Meeting, National Skills Coalition
- Jobs and Careers Coalition Meeting, Opportunity America
- National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity
- Society for Maintenance and Reliability Professionals
- American Association of Community Colleges
- America's Promise Alliance



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