

## ***Perkins***

Perkins FY18 Budget – Federal fiscal year is October 1 to September 30. President Trump’s budget has calls for a \$9.2 billion, or 13.5 percent, spending cut to education.

There are five key steps in the federal budget process:

1. The President submits a budget request to Congress
2. The House and Senate pass budget resolutions
3. House and Senate Appropriations subcommittees "markup" appropriations bills
4. The House and Senate vote on appropriations bills and reconcile differences
5. The President signs each [appropriations bill](#) and the budget becomes law

July 13 - the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations subcommittee marked up their FY18 appropriations bill and it passed along party lines 9-6.

- The bill proposed funding Perkins at its current level (\$1.125 billion, the same as was allocated in FY17)

July 19 – the full House Appropriations Committee marked up the bill

July 20 – press release - The Senate Committee on Appropriations is providing its 12 subcommittees with funding guidance for the drafting of FY2018 appropriations bills.

October 1 – budget bill will be passed by the House and Senate and signed by the President OR

- A continuing resolution will be passed to keep current funding levels giving Congress more time to reconcile differences.  
- OR -
- The Federal Government shuts down until a continuing resolution or budget is passed.

### Perkins Reauthorization

June 22 - the U.S. House of Representatives voted by voice vote without objection to pass [H.R. 2353](#), the *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act*. The bill would reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins) through Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

To date there has been no official movement from the Senate on Perkins reauthorization.

### Local Perkins FY18 Grants and FY17 Year-End Reports

- Review and approval process is moving along.
- Grants submitted in substantially approvable form prior to July 1 are able to obligate funds.
- Invoicing for reimbursement will not be available until grants and year-end reports are fully approved.
- By federal rule you may only request reimbursement for up to 25% of your total grant award prior to October 1.
- Final Congressional FY18 budget will determine if funding cuts will be made to FY18 Perkins grants.