**BILL SUMMARY**

The College Affordability Act aims to amend and strengthen the Higher Education Act of 1965 to lower the cost of college for students and families, to hold colleges accountable for students’ success, and to give a new generation of students the opportunity to graduate on-time and transition to a successful career.

**SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS**

House Bill Sponsor

Rep. Robert C. Scott (D-VA-3)

House cosponsors: 156

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**CURRENT STATUS**

- Introduced in House 10/15/19
- Passed committee 10/30/19
- Passed House
- Differences Resolved
- Signed into law

Sources: Congress.gov
H.R. 1591: 21st Century STEM for Girls and Underrepresented Minorities Act

**BILL SUMMARY**

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants to local educational agencies to encourage girls and underrepresented minorities to pursue studies and careers in STEM fields. To receive a grant, a local educational agency must submit an application to the Secretary of Education that includes the purpose, goals, and plans for the program. The bill recommends the program receive $10 million annually from fiscal year 2020 to 2023.

**SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS**

House Bill Sponsor

Rep. Joyce Beatty
(D-OH-3)

House cosponsors: 17

GOP 0

Dem 17

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**CURRENT STATUS**

Seeking House passage

- Introduced in House 3/7/2019
- Passed committee
- Passed House
- Differences Resolved
- Signed into law

Sources: Congress.gov
BILL SUMMARY

This bill provides for guidance, data collection, and grants for groups historically underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at institutions of higher education (IHEs) and at federal science agencies. Specifically, the bill requires the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to provide specified guidance related to such groups to federal science agencies and IHEs. Each federal science agency must collect comprehensive demographic data on recipients of merit-reviewed research and development grants given to IHEs and federal laboratories supported by that agency.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

House Bill Sponsor
Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX-30)

House cosponsors: 29
GOP 4
Dem 25

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CURRENT STATUS

Passed House

Introduced in House
Passed committee
Passed House 9/26/2019
Differences Resolved
Signed into law

Introduced in Senate
Passed committee
Passed Senate

Sources: Congress.gov
BILL SUMMARY

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the period of eligibility for Federal Pell Grants, and for other purposes.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

House Bill Sponsor
Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI-14)

House cosponsors: 6

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CURRENT STATUS

seeking house passage

Introduced in House
2/28/2020

Passed committee
Passed House

Differences Resolved

Introduced in Senate

Passed committee
Passed Senate

Signed into law

Sources: Congress.gov
H.R. 6087: Public Service Appreciation Through Loan Forgiveness Act

BILL SUMMARY

The bill would implement a partial loan forgiveness schedule for qualified employees and raise awareness about the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Eligible employees would begin to benefit from the program after just four years of regular payments. The bill would implement a partial forgiveness program so that the eligible participants would have their balance and interest reduced by 10% after just 4 years of regular, on-time payments while working in public service. After 6 years, the balance and interest would be further reduced 20%, followed by a 50% reduction after 8 years. The program would continue to completely forgive debts of eligible borrowers after 10 years of regular, on-time payments.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

House Bill Sponsor
Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D-IL-3)

House cosponsors: 0

GOP 0
Dem 0

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CURRENT STATUS

Seeking House Passage

Introduced in House 3/4/2020
Passed committee
Passed House
Differences Resolved
Signed into law

Introduced in Senate
Passed committee
Passed Senate

Sources: Congress.gov
BILL SUMMARY

This bill reauthorizes through FY2020 and revises the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) program. The bill also authorizes new grants under the FIPSE program. Specifically, the Department of Education may award grants to institutions of higher education for dual or concurrent enrollment programs or early college high school programs that allow high school students to earn postsecondary credits.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

Senate Bill Sponsor
Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)

Senate cosponsors: 2

GOP 2
Dem 0

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CURRENT STATUS

Seeking Senate Passage

Introduced in House
Passed committee
Passed House

Introduced in Senate
Passed committee
Passed Senate

Differences Resolved

Signed into law

Sources: Congress.gov
H. Res. 864: Supporting the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month

BILL SUMMARY

This resolution supports the designation of Career and Technical Education Month to celebrate career and technical education across the United States. It also recognizes the importance of career and technical education in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce in the United States and encourages educators, school counselors, guidance and career development professionals, administrators, and parents to promote career and technical education as a respected option for students.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

House Bill Sponsor
Rep. James Langevin (D-RI-2)

House cosponsors: 69

GOP
32

Dem
37

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CURRENT STATUS

 Seeking House Passage

Introduced in House
2/25/20

Passed committee
Passed House

Passed committee
Passed Senate

Differences Resolved

Signed into law

Sources: Congress.gov
B I L L  S U M M A R Y

The Jumpstart Our Business by Supporting Students Act of 2019, or the JOBS Act of 2019, aims to amend Section 401 of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The JOBS Act amends the bill by inserting the following after subsection (j), “In this subsection, Eligible career pathway program. The term ‘eligible career pathway program’ means a program that meets the requirements of section 484(d)(2), is listed on the provider list under section 122(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and is part of a career pathway, as defined in section 3 of that Act.

S P O N S O R S  A N D  C O S P O N S O R S

Senate Bill Sponsor
Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)

Senate cosponsors: 23
- GOP: 10
- Dem: 13

W H Y  I S  T H I S  I M P O R T A N T  T O  N A P E ?

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Sources: Congress.gov
BILL SUMMARY

This bill expresses the sense of Congress that technology can improve the lives of individuals, but can also disrupt jobs, and for this reason, innovation should be encouraged while training and retraining American workers.

The Department of Labor shall prepare and submit to Congress a report on artificial intelligence and its impact on the workforce.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

House Bill Sponsor
Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL-9)

House cosponsors: 16

GOP: 6
Dem: 10

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CURRENT STATUS

Introducing in House 1/28/2019
Passed committee
Passed House
Differences resolved
Signed into law

Introducing in Senate
Passed committee
Passed Senate

Sources: Congress.gov
House Draft Bill: Reauthorizing the National Apprenticeship Act

BILL SUMMARY
To amend the National Apprenticeship Act and expand the national apprenticeship system to include apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship registered under this Act, and for other purposes. The bill would authorize $400 million in federal grants, increasing by $100 million annually. It would also create dedicated and annual funding for states to establish new apprenticeship agencies and expand apprenticeship opportunities and streamline the process for registering new programs while maintaining high-quality standards.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

House Bill Sponsor
Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA-53)

House cosponsors: 0

GOP 0
Dem 0

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CURRENT STATUS

Draft Bill in Hearings

Introduced in House
Passed committee
Passed House

Introduced in Senate
Passed committee
Passed Senate

Differences Resolved

Signed into law

Sources: Congress.gov
Public Law No: 113-14: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

**LAW SUMMARY**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act - Amends the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) to revise requirements and reauthorize appropriations for: (1) WIA title I, workforce development systems for job training and employment services; and (2) WIA title II, adult education and family literacy education programs.

Defines "core programs" to mean: (1) youth workforce investment activities and adult and dislocated worker employment and training activities, (2) adult education and literacy activities, (3) employment services, and (4) vocational rehabilitation services.

**SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS**

House Bill Sponsor

Rep. Virginia Foxx
(R-NC-5)

House cosponsors: 23

| GOP | 23 |
| Dem | 0 |

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**CURRENT STATUS**

- Introduced in House
- Passed committee
- Passed House
- Differences Resolved
- Signed into law 7.22.2014

Sources: Congress.gov
**WORKFORCE ISSUES**

**Public Law No: 116-4: TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Extension Act of 2019**

**LAW SUMMARY**

This bill extends appropriations through June 30, 2019, for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program grants to states and related assistance grants to U.S. territories such as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. TANF helps Americans living in poverty to afford necessities like food, rent, and diapers. It also helps parents and guardians find jobs.

**SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS**

**House Bill Sponsor**

Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-MA-1)

**House cosponsors: 1**

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**CURRENT STATUS**

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  - Passed committee
  - Passed House

- **Introduced in Senate**
  - Passed committee
  - Passed Senate

**Differences Resolved**

- **Signed into law 1/24/2019**

Sources: Congress.gov
BILL SUMMARY

This Act may be cited as the “Transformational Reforms and Updates to Ensure Educational Quality and Urgent Investments in Today’s Youth Act of 2019” or the “TRUE EQUITY Act”. Congress finds the following: (1) The fate of our Nation and the opportunities it creates for our children and grandchildren to enjoy successful careers and rewarding lives depends on the quality, equal access, and effectiveness of pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade education in every local school district across the country. (2) Our education systems must prepare students to compete in an interconnected, global economy. (3) Despite the current combinations of Federal, State, and local funding and innovative educational policies.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

House Bill Sponsor
Rep. David Trone (D-MD-6)

Senate Bill Sponsor
Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)

House cosponsors: 2
GOP 0
Dem 2

Senate cosponsors: 1
GOP 0
Dem 1

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CURRENT STATUS

Seeking House / Senate Passage

Introduced in House
10/15/19
Passed committee
Passed House

Introduced in Senate
01/06/2020
Passed committee
Passed Senate

Differences Resolved
Signed into law

Sources: Congress.gov
H.R. 2574: Equity and Inclusion Enforcement Act

BILL SUMMARY

To amend title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to restore the right to individual civil actions in cases involving disparate impact, and for other purposes. This legislation to empower parents and communities to address racial inequities in public education. This bill creates an Assistant Secretary in the Department of Education to coordinate and promote Title VI enforcement of equity and inclusion in education. It also creates Title VI monitors to ensure that every school has at least one employee to specifically carry out the responsibilities of the law.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

House Bill Sponsor

Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA-3)

House cosponsors: 13

GOP 0
Dem 13

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CURRENT STATUS

SEEKING HOUSE PASSAGE

Introduced in House 5/8/2019
Passed committee
Passed House
Differences Resolved
Signed into law

Introduced in Senate
Passed committee
Passed Senate

Sources: Congress.gov, House.gov
BILL SUMMARY

To establish the Strength in Diversity Program, and for other purposes. The purpose of this Act is to support the development, implementation, and evaluation of comprehensive strategies to address the effects of racial isolation or concentrated poverty by increasing diversity, including racial diversity and socioeconomic diversity, in covered schools. It would authorize federal funding to provide planning and implementation grants to support voluntary local efforts to increase racial diversity and socioeconomic diversity.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

House Bill Sponsor
Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH-11)

House cosponsors: 51

GOP: 0
Dem: 51

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CURRENT STATUS

Introduce in House 5/9/2019
Passed committee 5/16/19
Passed House
Differences Resolved
Signed into law

Introduce in Senate
Passed committee
Passed Senate
BILL SUMMARY

Equality Act This bill prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in a wide variety of areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system. Specifically, the bill defines and includes sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity among the prohibited categories of discrimination or segregation. The bill expands the definition of public accommodations to include places or establishments that provide (1) exhibitions, recreation, exercise, amusement, gatherings, or displays; (2) goods, services, or programs; and (3) transportation services.

SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS

House Bill Sponsor

Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI-1)

House cosponsors: 240

GOP 4

Dem 236

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CURRENT STATUS

Passed House

Introduced in House 3/13/19

Passed committee 5/10/19

Passed House 5/17/2019

Differences Resolved

Passed Senate

Signed into law

Sources: Congress.gov
B I L L  S U M M A R Y

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish the Ronald V. Dellums Memorial Fellowship for Women of Color in STEAM fields, and for other purposes. The program would be designed to increase awareness of and interest in employment at a Defense Agency among underrepresented students in the STEAM fields, particularly women of color. It would develop a pipeline of women of color with exemplary academic achievements in a STEAM field who can pursue careers in national security and other areas of national need.

S P O N S O R S  A N D  C O S P O N S O R S

House Bill Sponsor
Rep. Barbara Lee
(D-CA-13)

Senate cosponsors: 240

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C U R R E N T  S T A T U S

Seeking House Passage

Introduced in House
2/18/2020

Passed committee
Passed House

Introduced in Senate

Passed committee
Passed Senate

Differences Resolved

Signed into law

Sources: Congress.gov
**BILL SUMMARY**

The bill would require large employers of more than 500 workers to offer available hours to current, available, qualified part-time employees before hiring new employees or subcontractors. Additionally, it would make more part-time employees eligible for family and medical leave, and allow part-time workers to participate in their employers’ pension plan.

**SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS**

**Senate Bill Sponsor**

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

**Senate cosponsors: 3**

- Dem: 3
- GOP: 0

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**CURRENT STATUS**

- Introduced in House
  - Passed committee
  - Passed House
- Differences Resolved
- Introduced in Senate 2/27/2020
  - Passed committee
  - Passed Senate
- Seeking Senate Passage
- Signed into law

Sources: Congress.gov, Senate.gov