

S 3217

Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]

Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	Jul 16, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2353	Related bill	Jul 31, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-224.
115 S 3101	Related bill	Jun 20, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 HR 4387	Related bill	Nov 14, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 HR 3137	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 S 790	Related bill	Mar 30, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 S 653	Related bill	Mar 15, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2023 and increases funding levels for Department of Education (ED) grants to states, national programs, and tribally controlled postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) institutions under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to support CTE programs for secondary and postsecondary students. It repeals the authorization for certain occupational and information activities and the separate mandate for tech prep education.

Beginning in FY2021, states must receive at least 90% of their previous year's allocation of basic state CTE grants.

The bill permits states to:

- reserve up to 15% (currently 10%) of their grant funds for innovative CTE activities in rural areas or areas with higher numbers of CTE students, and
- set their own annual targets on the core indicators of performance at both the secondary and postsecondary education levels without ED's approval.

The bill modifies grant application processes for states and localities and performance measures for evaluating CTE programs. It prohibits ED from withholding funds from states that do not meet certain performance measures.

The bill amends the Wagner-Peyser Act to expand the duties of state agencies with respect to providing workforce and labor market information.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2018:** By Senator Alexander from Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions filed written report. Report No. 115-434.
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Alexander. Without written report.
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 517.