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A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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Outline

- Interest in CTE
- Funding Trends
- Federal Legislation
- Perkins Reauthorization
- Resources

Interest in CTE

Sustained Policy Influencers

- Focus on jobs +
- Global competition +
- Tight fiscal conditions+
- Evidence of success =
- Increased visibility for CTE

Who is interested in CTE?

- College Board
- Opportunity Nation
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Center on Education Policy
- Civic Enterprises
- PARCC and Smarter Balanced
- Scaling up Pathways to Prosperity
- Multiple federal career pathways projects

Funding Trends

Federal Investment in Education

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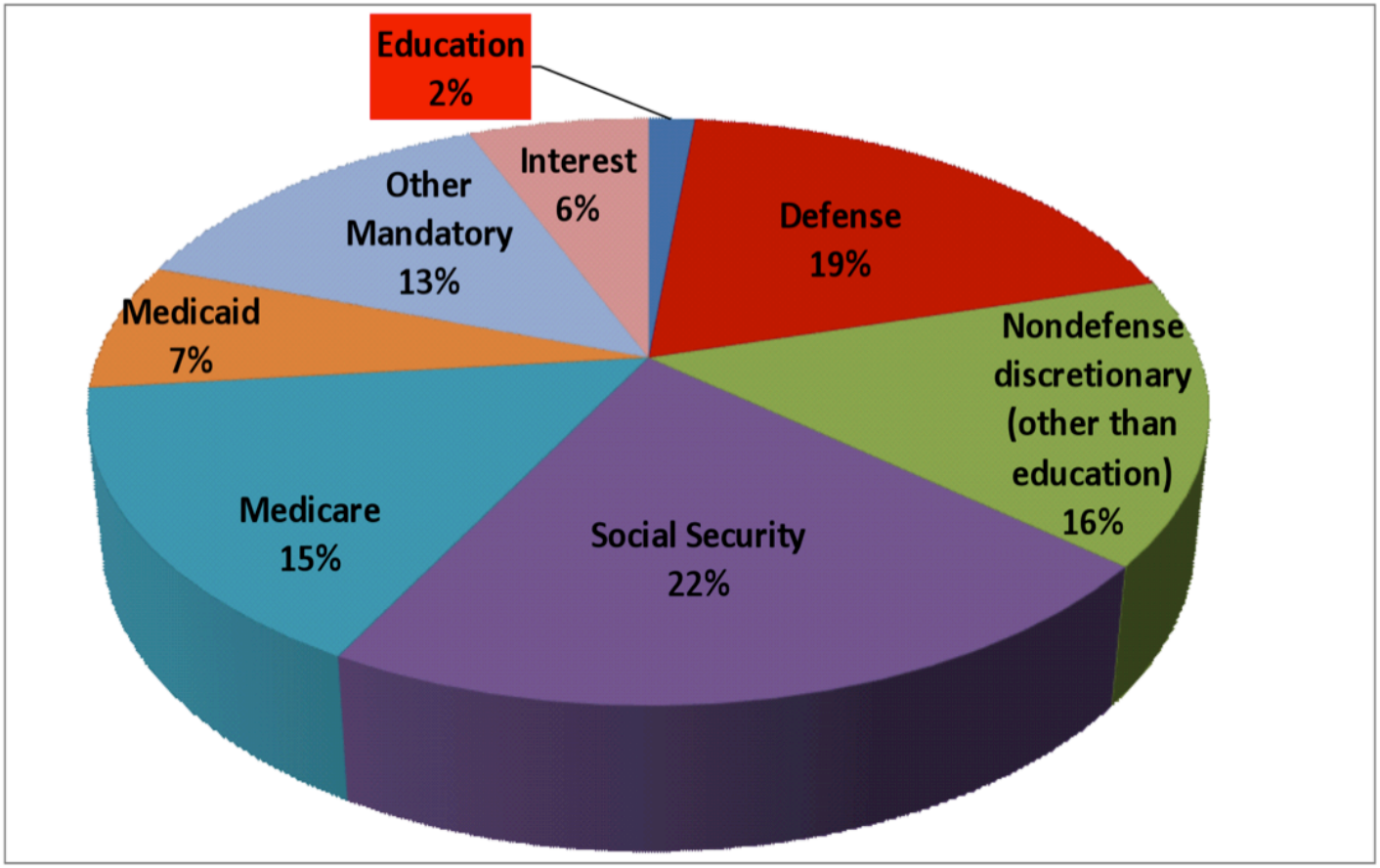

Source: Committee on Education Funding, 2013

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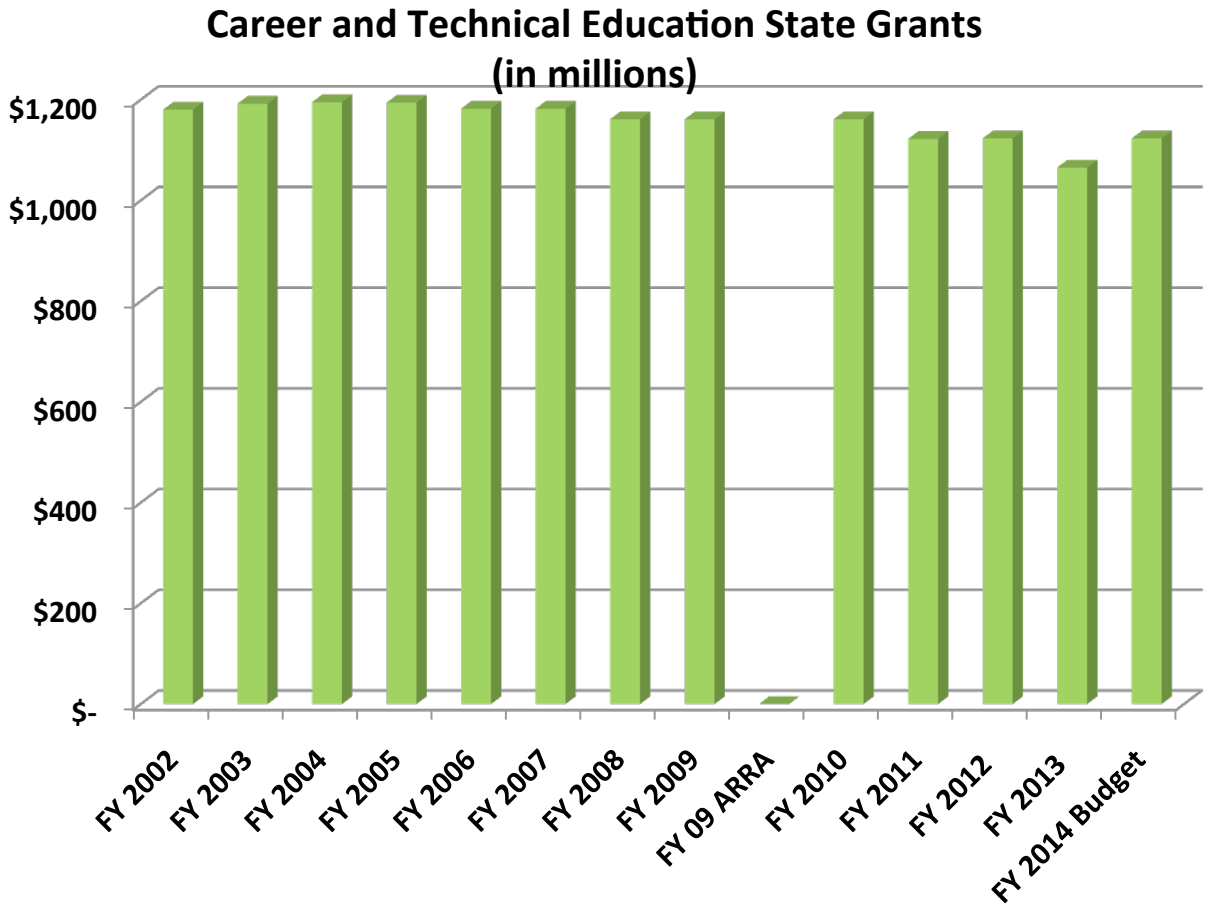

Sequestration 101

- Sequestration is the formal term for mandatory cuts to federal programs.
- The Budget Control Act of 2011 – August 2011
  - Raised debt ceiling
  - Created "supercommittee'
- The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 – January 2013
  - Postponed sequestration start to March

Sequestration 101

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- Start of sequestration – March 1, 2013
- 5.2% across the board cuts
- Cuts to USDE - $2.478 billion
- Impact of sequestration for Perkins to begin July 1, 2013 – loss of $59 million
- Sequestration to go through 2021

FY 14 Obama Budget Request

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- Restore all education programs to pre-sequestration levels
- Restores Perkins funding to FY12 levels ($1.1billion)
- Assumes Perkins Blueprint for reauthorization
- $300 million for HS Redesign competitive grant
- $42 million for dual enrollment evaluation and competitive grant

High School Redesign Proposal

- Redesign academic content and instructional practices
- Personalize learning opportunities
- Provide academic and wrap-around support services
- Provide high-quality career and college exploration and counseling

High School Redesign Proposal

- Offer opportunities to earn postsecondary credit
- Provide career-related experiences or competencies
- Strategically use learning time in more meaningful ways
- Provide evidence-based professional development

The Great Funding Divide

- House: 18.6% cuts below FY13 sequestration levels
- Senate:
  - Level fund Perkins
  - Fund Obama dual enrollment proposal
  - No funding for high school redesign

Federal Legislation

Pending Legislation

- Workforce Investment Act (2003)
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (2007)
- Institute for Education Sciences (2009)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (2012)
- Higher Education Act (2013)
- Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (2013)

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Senate Democrat bill – Strengthening America's Schools Act

STATUS: passed out of Senate HELP Committee

- More of a focus on college and career readiness but still really more college than career
- Significantly expanded accountability/reporting systems
- Pathways are promoted but as a competitive program for low performing schools
- Competitive grants throughout
- Desire to achieve bi-partisan bill on Senate floor

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House Republican bill – Student Success Act

STATUS: passed by House of Representatives

- Repeal adequate yearly progress and highly qualified teacher requirements
- Eliminate maintenance of effort requirements
- Maintains cuts from sequestration
- Allows funding to follow student from public schools to private charter schools
- Block grants multiple programs

Workforce Investment Act

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- House
  - Action has been very partisan
  - SKILLS Act passed the House on March 15
- Senate
  - Released a "pre-draft" for feedback
  - Strong promotion of pathways
  - Consideration by Senate HELP next week
- Opportunities for CTE
  - Common performance measures
  - Focus on credentials
  - Easing access to training

Higher Education Act

- Congress starting to hold hearings and collect input
- No legislation introduced
- Student aid issues major focus
- Opportunities for CTE:
  - Pell grant changes
  - Teacher education

Other CTE-specific bills

- Student Right to Know Before You Go Act (Wyden-Rubio)
- Building Understanding, Investment, Learning and Direction in CTE Act (Merkley)
- Grants for Renewable Energy Education for the Nation (GREEN) Act (McNerney)
- The Career and Technical Education Facilities Modernization Act (Begich)
- The Counseling for Career Choice Act (Begich)

Perkins Blueprint Nine Reforms

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Theme	Reforms
Alignment	Clear expectations for high quality programs
	More active role for states
Collaboration	Consortia
	Private-sector match
Accountability	Competition
	Common definitions
	Incentives for high performance
Innovation	State conditions
	Innovative and Transformation Fund

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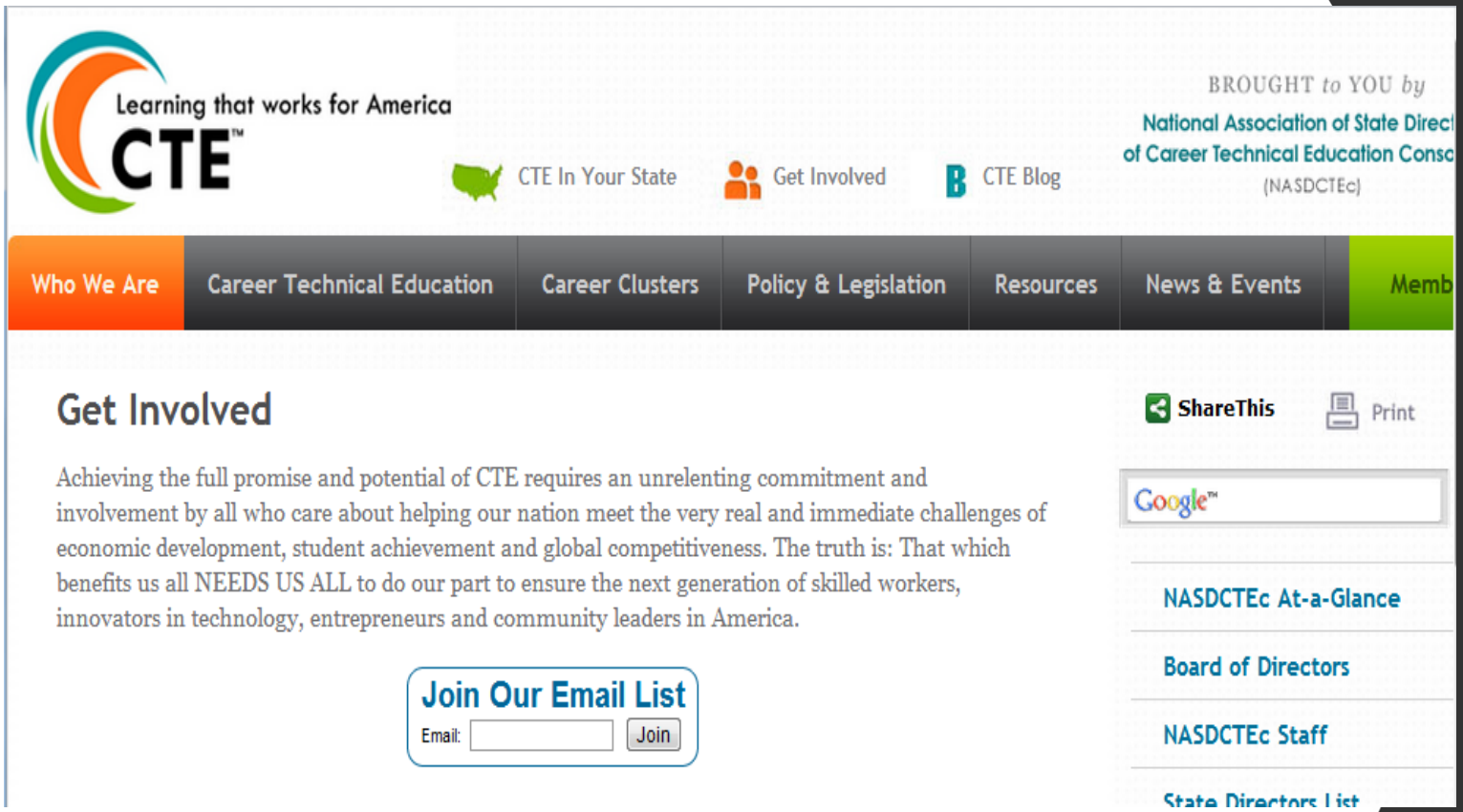

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