

# NCCA Advocacy Report

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## Congressional Update

We are currently monitoring the latest developments on the \$1.9T stimulus package that Democrats are on the verge of passing. Two key policy disputes were poised to stand in the way of speedy passage, but they have been resolved as of now.

- Today, Senate Democrats and President Biden struck a deal to increase the federal unemployment boost to \$400 through August, up from the present \$300 per week. As part of the agreement, stimulus payments will phase out faster. Phase-out will start at \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for joint filers, with a hard stop at \$80,000 and \$160,000, respectively.
- A minimum wage increase is no longer in the bill. Senate Democrats dropped the provision due to a Senate Parliamentary ruling that it did not meet budget reconciliation requirements. Raising the minimum wage remains a bipartisan issue but will be challenging to pass through Congress. Some Republicans are willing to go up to \$10 or \$11 per hour, but a large portion of the Democratic caucus would like to raise it to \$15. Reaching a compromise will not be easy.

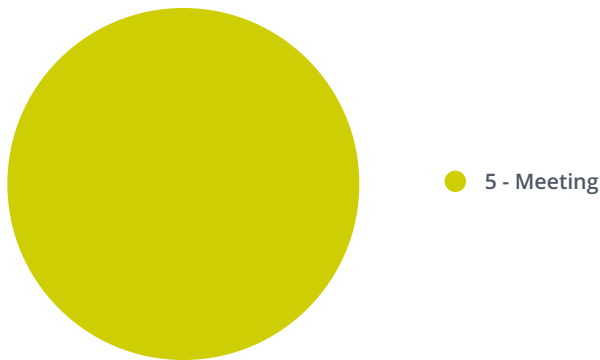
The Senate is now on track to start the stimulus package's voting process and complete it by the end of the week. After, it will go to the House for final passage.

The next piece of primary legislation is likely to be an economic development-focused bill that is primarily infrastructure, along with other bipartisan proposals to help grow the economy – including workforce development. Passing the bill is unlikely to be a rushed process because the President has indicated he will take time to negotiate with Republicans on future legislation.

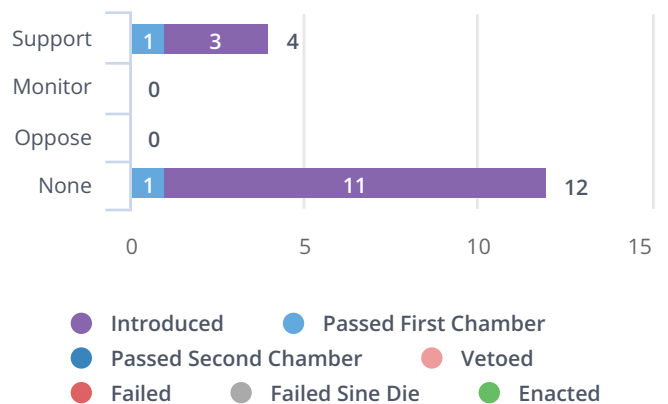
However, it is unclear how long he will do so because this bill qualifies for the reconciliation process, allowing passage with only Democratic votes.

One final critical issue we are currently monitoring is whether OSHA will determine that an emergency standard on COVID workplace safety is necessary. Earlier this week, the Department of Labor's Inspector General released a report that outlined the need for such a measure and criticized OSHA's approach over the last year. OSHA has not decided either way, but this report makes it more likely than not that it will announce an enforceable emergency standard soon.

### All Team Actions



### Bills by Last Status and Position



## Tracked Legislation

Priority: High (4)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 447	Received In The Senate And Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 25	In Senate	Support	High	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><span>73.0%</span><span>84.7%</span></div>
<b>Title</b> National Apprenticeship Act of 2021			<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2021-01-25			
<b>Description</b> National Apprenticeship Act of 2021 This bill provides statutory authority for the registered apprenticeship program within the Department of Labor, provides for related grant programs, and contains related provisions. The bill provides statutory authority for the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) within Labor. The OA's responsibilities include (1) supporting the development of apprenticeship models; (2) recognizing qualified state apprenticeship agencies, and operating apprenticeship offices in states without a recognized agency; (3) providing technical assistance to state agencies; (4) periodically updating requirements for each occupation in the apprenticeship program and determining whether to approve new occupations for the program; (5) promoting greater diversity in the national apprenticeship system; and (6) awarding grants provided under this bill. The bill also establishes in statute the responsibilities of state apprenticeship agencies and offices, including (1) providing technical assistance to stakeholders, (2) resolving complaints, (3) establishing state performance goals, and (4) including in its written plan a description of how its apprenticeship programs align with the skills needs of the state's employers. The OA shall enter into an agreement with the Department of Education to promote the integration and alignment of apprenticeship programs with secondary, postsecondary, and adult education. The OA shall award grants to eligible entities to (1) expand national apprenticeship system programs, including by expanding pre-apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship programs; (2) encourage employer participation; and (3) strengthen alignment between the apprenticeship system and education providers. The bill provides statutory authority for criteria for various programs, including (1) quality standards for apprenticeships, (2) requirements for apprenticeship agreements between a program sponsor and an apprentice, and (3) acceptable uses for grant funds awarded under this bill.						
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Bobby Scott						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 52	Introduced In Senate 2021 01 26	In Senate	Support	High	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><span>3.0%</span><span>54.3%</span></div>
<b>Title</b> Gateway to Careers Act of 2021			<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2021-01-26			
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Maggie Hassan						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 200	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 03	In Senate	Support	High	3.7% 57.4%
<b>Title</b>		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2021-02-03				
Relaunching America's Workforce Act						
<b>Primary Sponsors</b>						
Patty Murray						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 396	Introduced In Senate 2021 02 23	In Senate	Support	High	0.0% 0.0%
<b>Title</b>		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2021-02-23				
A bill to promote registered apprenticeships, including registered apprenticeships within in-demand industry sectors, through the support of workforce intermediaries, and for other purposes.						
<b>Primary Sponsors</b>						
Chris Coons						

**Priority: None (12)**

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 487	Referred To The Subcommittee On Nutrition Oversight And Department Operations 2021 02 24	In House	None	None	6.4% 53.0%
<b>Title</b>		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2021-01-25				
RESET for America's Future Act						
<b>Primary Sponsors</b>						
Abigail Spanberger						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 602	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 01 28	In House	None	None	18.0% 50.9%
<b>Title</b>		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2021-01-28				
Relaunching America's Workforce Act						
<b>Primary Sponsors</b>						
Bobby Scott						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 636	Introduced In House 2021 02 01	In House	None	None	11.0% 53.8%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-02-01  
PARTNERS Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Suzanne Bonamici

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 683	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House	None	None	7.7% 48.0%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-02-02  
Apprenticeship Access for All Act of 2021

**Primary Sponsors**  
Alma Adams

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 691	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House	None	None	4.5% 51.5%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-02-02  
Expanding Opportunity through Pre-Apprenticeships Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Tony Cardenas

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 702	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House	None	None	9.1% 54.2%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-02-02  
To direct the Secretary of Labor to award grants to develop, administer, and evaluate early childhood education apprenticeships, and for other purposes.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Brett Guthrie

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 703	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House	None	None	5.3% 45.4%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-02-02  
Apprenticeship Futures for All Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Pramila Jayapal

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 720	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House	None	None	4.5% 54.1%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-02-02  
CHANCE in TECH Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Seth Moulton

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 854	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 04	In House	None	None	6.5% 48.4%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-02-04  
Youth Corps Act of 2021

**Primary Sponsors**  
Freddie Wilson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 1319	Received In The Senate Read The First Time Placed On Senate Legislative Calendar Under Read The First Time 2021 03 02	In Senate	None	None	3.0% 87.9%

**Title** American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 **Introduction Date:** 2021-02-24

**Description**

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 This bill provides additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. Specifically, the bill provides funding for \* agriculture and nutrition programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program); \* schools and institutions of higher education; \* child care and programs for older Americans and their families; \* COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, treatment, and prevention; \* mental health and substance-use disorder services; \* emergency rental assistance, homeowner assistance, and other housing programs; \* payments to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments for economic relief; \* multiemployer pension plans; \* small business assistance, including specific programs for restaurants and live venues; and \* programs for health care workers, transportation workers, federal employees, veterans, and other targeted populations. The bill also includes provisions that \* raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025; \* extend unemployment benefits and related services; \* provide a maximum recovery rebate of \$1,400 per eligible individual; \* expand and otherwise modify certain tax credits, including the child tax credit and the earned income tax credit; \* provide premium assistance for certain health insurance coverage; and \* require coverage, without cost-sharing, of COVID-19 vaccines and treatment under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

**Primary Sponsors**  
John Yarmuth

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 1402	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 26	In House	None	None	0.0% 0.0%

**Title** To amend the Federal Pell Grant Program to support career training opportunities for young Americans. **Introduction Date:** 2021-02-26

**Primary Sponsors**  
John Carter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 186	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 02	In Senate	None	None	28.8% 50.1%

**Title**  
Early Educators Apprenticeship Act

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-02

**Primary Sponsors**  
Todd Young

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