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## FY 2008 Labor, HHS, and Education Conference Report Finalized; Includes \$25 Million Increase for CTE

House and Senate Conferees on the FY 2008 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill have come to an agreement on a final bill this afternoon. The conference report includes a \$25 million increase for career technical education basic state grants.

	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>Conference Report FY 2008</b>
Basic State Grants	\$1,181,553,000	\$1,206,553,000
Tech-Prep Education State Grants	\$104,754,000	\$104,754,000
Tribally Controlled Institutions	\$7,366,000	\$8,000,000
National Programs	\$10,000,000	\$8,000,000

The bill will be packaged together with the Military Construction/Veterans Administration Appropriations bill when it goes to the floor for a vote in both the House and Senate next week. Full details of the bill will become available when the report is filed on Monday.

President Bush has indicated that he would veto the Labor, HHS, and Education bill, but it is unclear if he will do so now that it is packaged with the Military Construction/Veterans Administration bill. Also, Chairman David Obey (D-WI-8) said yesterday that he believes the House is only 2 votes shy of obtaining a veto-proof majority. The Senate passed their version of the bill by a 75-19 margin last week, while the House passed its version by a 276-140 vote back in July. Only 67 votes would be required to override a veto in the Senate, while 290 votes are needed in the House.

**Action Alert:** Please call your Senators and Representatives and urge them to support the FY 2008 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill when it comes to the floor for a vote next week. If a veto-proof majority is secured, the \$25 million increase for CTE will become a reality, whereas a sustained veto by President Bush would put increases any education program, including CTE, into jeopardy. You can find contact information for your Congressional delegation at <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/directory/congdir.tt>.

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