Speaker Ryan: Congress passes career and technical education overhaul

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WASHINGTON—Today, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) released this statement on the passage of the bipartisan *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act*:

"One of our best assets in realizing the American Idea is having an education system that helps people reach their potential and fulfill their aspirations. That's why this bill is so important. It is a complete overhaul of our country's career and technical education system. In this economy, with millions of open jobs, there is no reason Americans seeking employment should lack the training to find it. This will help more people acquire the right skills to fill a good-paying job.

"Here are some things that this bill does. It promotes career and technical education at the state level, providing funding and flexibility for programs. It refocuses programs on student outcomes to ensure students receive the most effective training possible, truly preparing them to enter the workforce. And it brings technical education into the 21st century by enhancing skills training to better match the jobs available in a modern economy. These are exciting steps, and I want to thank Chairwoman Foxx, Rep. Thompson, and all the members of the Education and the Workforce Committee who have been working on this for years.

"We are pleased to deliver on another key plank of our [Better Way](#) agenda. This will help more Americans get on the path of life, and we can't wait to see all the good it will do for our economy and countless families. We look forward to sending this to the president's desk to become law of the land."

NOTE: For more information about the House's efforts to improve career and technical education, click [here](#).