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July 27, 2009 – Last Friday, the House passed H.R. 3293, the FY2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education spending bill at \$160.7 billion by a 264-153 vote. With House passage, the bill now awaits Senate action. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee is expected to consider its version of the bill this week. The House bill is \$5.2 billion over last year's funding level, but \$52 million less than what President Obama requested.

The bill maintains the maximum Pell Grant at \$4,860; combined with the mandatory funding of \$690 for the Pell Grant program, this equals a \$5,550 maximum. Additionally, the Career and Technical Education programs are level funded at \$1.2 billion.

The bill provides \$130 million for the new Career Pathways Innovation Fund (formerly called the Community-Based Job Training Grant program). The allocation for this program is \$5 million more than the FY2009 total. It appears that the Departments of Labor and Education will have a role in running this program. The Committee requires that \$65 million be used for nursing programs. Additionally, the Committee is providing \$50 million to prepare workers for careers in emerging green industries. Also, the bill provides \$84 million for Title III-A, Strengthening Institutions (\$4 million increase over FY2009).

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