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Weekly Calendar

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Monday, February 4, 2019
Higher Education Reform in the 116th Congress (H)
Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event to discuss higher education reform in the 116th Congress.
Participants: Keynote: Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN), chairman, HELP Committee; and Ryan Streeter, director, Domestic Policy Studies, AEI (Welcome). Panel Discussion: Erica L. Green, education reporter, The New York Times (Moderator); Michelle Asha Cooper, president, Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP); Jason D. Delisle, resident fellow, AEI; Lanae Erickson Hatalsky, senior vice president for social policy and politics, Third Way; and Sarah Flanagan, vice president for government relations and policy development, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
Time and Location: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. AEI Auditorium, 1789 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP here.
Tuesday, February 5, 2019
State of the Union Address and Democratic Response (E&S, H, D)
Subject: Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), on behalf of the full House of Representatives will host President Donald Trump as he delivers his 3rd State of the Union address. The President’s address will be followed by a response from Stacey Abrams, former Minority Leader of the Georgia House of Representatives and candidate in the 2018 Georgia gubernatorial election, on behalf of the Democratic Party.
Time: 9:00 p.m.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Executive Session: HELP Committee Examines Nominations (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold an executive session to consider the nominations of Robert L. King to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education; John P. Pallasch to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and Mary Anne Carter to be Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: More information here.

Organization Meeting: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee (E&S, H)
Subject: The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee will hold a meeting to organize for the 116th Congress.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; G-50 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: More information here.

Organization Meeting: House Science, Space, and Technology Committee (E&S, H)
Subject: The House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a meeting to organize for the 116th Congress.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: More information here.

Hearing: Examining Gun Violence Prevention (E&S, H)
Subject: The House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing, “Preventing Gun Violence: A Call to Action.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2141 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: More information here.

Webinar: Exploring the Experiences and Skills of Young Adults in U.S. (E&S, H)
Subject: The American Institutes for Research (AIR) will host a webinar on the experiences and skills of young adults in the United States based on data from a 2002 National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) longitudinal secondary school study and the OECD’s Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC).
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Participants: Holly Xie, program officer, NCES (Moderator); Elise Christopher, program officer, NCES; and Madeline J. Goodman, research application manager, Educational Testing Service (ETS)
Contact: To RSVP go here.

Briefing: The Case for Extending HEA’s Strengthening Institutions Program (H)
Subject: The Alliance for Equity in Higher Education will hold a briefing to advocate for extending HEA’s Title III, Part F Strengthening Institutions Program.
Participants: Lezli Baskerville, president & CEO, National Association for Equal Opportunity in Education (NAFEO), and chair, Alliance for Equity in Higher Education; Carrie L. Billy, president & CEO; American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC); Dr. Sue Henderson; president, New Jersey City University; Dr. David Yarlott, president, Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency, MT; Dr. John Pierre, chancellor, Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA; and Rebecca Howard, legislative assistant, Senator Doug Jones (D-AL).
Thursday, February 7, 2019

**Higher Education in 116th Congress (H)**

**Subject:** Inside Higher Ed in partnership with the Gallup Organization will host a day-long event focused on key issues colleges will face in the new Congress, the likely agendas of key lawmakers, and strategies that colleges hope to use.

**Participants:** Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Chairman, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee; Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA), Chairman, House Education and Labor Committee; Scott Jaschik, editor, Inside Higher Ed; Doug Lederman, editor, Inside Higher Ed; Terry Hartle, senior vice president for government and public affairs, American Council on Education; Lanae Erickson, senior vice president for social policy & politics, Third Way; Rachel Fleischer, executive director, Young Invincibles; Tiffany Jones; director of higher education policy, The Education Trust; and Neal McCluskey, director, Center for Educational Freedom, Cato Institute; and [more](#).

**Time and Location:** 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Gallup World Headquarters, 901 F Street, NW (Enter on 9th Street), Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** To register go [here](#).

**Future of Higher Education: A conversation with Harvard University President Larry Bacow (H)**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and the Brookings Institutions will host Harvard University President Larry Bacow to discuss the future of higher education in America.

**Participants:** Keynote: Larry Bacow, president, Harvard University; and Ryan Streeter, AEI (Welcome). Panel Presentation: Richard Reeves, senior fellow, Economic Studies, Brookings Institution (Moderator); Sandy Baum, nonresident fellow, Center on Education Data and Policy, Urban Institute; Anthony Carnevale, founder and director, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce; and Michelle Weise, chief innovation officer, Strada Institute for the Future of Work.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. AEI Auditorium, 1789 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP [here](#).

Friday, February 8, 2019

**Briefing: Career and Technical Education 101 (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus will host a briefing on Career and Technical Education (CTE) and how it benefits students and business throughout the country.

**Participants:** Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI), co-chair, Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus; Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA), co-chair, Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus; Tim Lawrence, executive director, SkillsUSA; Kathryn Zekus; senior associate for federal policy, Advance CTE; and Jarrod Nagurka, advocacy and public affairs manager, ACTE.

**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 2103 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to Kerry McKittrick with Rep. Langevin at Kerry.Mckittrick@mail.house.gov or Nick Rockwell with Rep. Thompson at Nick.Rockwell@mail.house.gov.

**Future Hearings and Events**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

**Webinar: Using Evidence for Scaling Community-Based Interventions That Work (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE) at the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will host a webinar to discuss using evidence for scaling community-based interventions.
Participants: Dr. Mary Hyde, director, ORE, CNCS; Lily Zandniapour, ORE, CNCS; Anthony Nerino, ORE, CNCS; Sadie O’Connor, Reading & Math Inc.; Adam Mauer, Citizen Schools; LaVal Brewer, Playworks; and Lara Dreier, College Possible.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Contact: RSVP here.

Thursday, February 14, 2019
Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education: Release of New Report (H)
Subject: The American Council on Education (ACE) in collaboration with the University of Southern California's Center on Race and Equity and the Urban Institute will host an event to release a new report, “Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education: A Status Report” and its accompanying microsite. The report examines over 200 indicators, looking at who gains access to a variety of educational environments and experiences, and how these trajectories and their outcomes differ by race and ethnicity.
Participants: Sandy Baum, nonresident fellow, Center on Education Data and Policy, Urban Institute; Ibram Kendi, director, Antiracist Research & Policy Center, and professor, School of International Service, American University; Lorelle Espinosa, vice president for research, American Council on Education; Cecilia Rios-Aguilar, associate dean for equity & inclusion, and associate professor of education, University of California Los Angeles; Mildred Garcia, president, American Association of State Colleges and Universities; Shaun Harper, provost professor, Rossier School of Education and Marshall School of Business and executive director, Race and Equity Center, University of Southern California; Ted Mitchell, president, American Council on Education; and Julie Park, associate professor, Department of Counseling, Higher Education, and Special Education, University of Maryland.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of S. 1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act of 2019 – A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions

House Floor:
H.R. 840 – Veterans’ Access to Child Care Act

Bills to Watch

FY 2019 APPROPRIATIONS

Continuing Resolutions
H.J.Res.28 FY2019 Further Additional Continuing Appropriation Act through 02/15/2019 (1/25/19 Signed by President; 1/25/19 Passed by Senate; 1/25/19 Passed by House)

Minibuses Not yet Passed

Individual Bills Not Yet Passed
H.R. 265  
Sponsor: Rep. Bishop Sanford (D-GA)
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Act of FY 2019 (1/10/19 Passed by House)

H.R. 266  
Sponsor: Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN)
Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2019 (1/11/19 Passed by House)

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