Focus on Education

This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of BWP, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting CUR and its members. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

Key: E&S – Elementary & Secondary; H – Higher Education; D – Disability Policy

Monday, February 5, 2018
None.

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Senate HELP Hearing on College Affordability (H)
Subject: The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a hearing on “Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: Improving College Affordability.”
Witnesses: Dr. Sandy Buam, senior fellow, Urban Institute; Dr. Zakiya Smith, strategy director, Finance and Federal Policy, Lumina Foundation; Dr. Jenna Robinson, president, The James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal; Dr. Robert Anderson, president, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association; and Dr. DeRionne Pollard, president, Montgomery College.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Wine with Wonks (H)
Subject: Third way will host its first reception as part of a new series, “Wine with Wonks,” to discuss the Higher Education Act reauthorization and specific topics that will be featured in the debate. This reception is designed to help demystify accreditation and understand how the system can be improved.
Participants: Emily Bouck, policy and advocacy director, Higher Learning Advocates; Antoinette Flores, senior policy analyst, Center for American Progress; Michael Itzkowitz, senior fellow, Third Way; Terri
Taylor, strategy officer, Finance and Federal Policy, Lumina Foundation; and Dr. Frank Wu, distinguished professor, University of California Hastings College of the Law.

**Time and Location:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Sonoma Wine Bar, 223 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C.

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

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**Examining School Segregation (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Century Foundation and the NYU Wagner school will host an event to discuss school segregation and prioritizing the challenges of equity and opportunity in education policy.

**Participants:** John B. King Jr., president and CEO, The Education Trust (Moderator); Sherrell Cashin, professor, Georgetown University; and Howard Fuller, professor, Marquette University.

**Time and Location:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; NYU DC, 1307 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

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

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**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

**Senate HELP Hearing on the Opioid’s Impact to Children and Families (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a hearing on “The Opioid Crisis: Impact on Children and Families.”

**Witnesses:** Becky Savage, co-founder, 525 Foundation; Stephen Patrick, assistant professor of pediatrics and health policy, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; and William Bell, president and CEO; Casey Family Programs.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

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**National Science Board Committee on External Engagement (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation’s National Science Board Committee on External Engagement will hold an open conference call to discuss possible future National Science Board listening sessions as well as other priorities in preparation for the February board meeting.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Members of the public must contact the National Science Board Office to request the public audio link by sending an e-mail to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference. For additional information go [here](#).

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**Friday, February 9, 2018**

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

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**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**America’s Opioid Epidemic: Supporting Recovery (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The Hill will hold a discussion on exploring the role recovery support services can play in combating America’s growing opioid epidemic.

**Participants:** Representative Dave Joyce (R-OH); Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI); Arthur Evans, chief executive officer and executive vice president, American Psychological Association; Tom Hill, vice president, Practice Improvement, National Council for Behavioral Health; and Denise Holden, founder and chief executive officer, RASE Project.

**Time and Location:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Newseum, Knight Broadcast Studio, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

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

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**Addressing Obesity through Better Policies for a Healthier America (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The Trust for America’s Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in collaboration with the American Heart Association, will host a congressional briefing on the state of obesity in America. Speakers will cover the latest national obesity rates and trends, highlight promising approaches states
and localities have undertaken to ensure healthy communities, and offer recommendations for leaders and policymakers to prioritize efforts that help all Americans lead healthier lives.

**Participants:** John Auerbach, president and CEO, Trust for America’s Health; Nancy Brown, CEO, American Heart Association; Don Schwarz, senior vice president, Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and Melanie Bridgeforth, executive director, VOICES for Alabama’s Children.

**Time and Location:** 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Capitol Visitor’s Center SVC 203

**Contact:** RSVP Here.

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**Impacts of the Trump Budget (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The Coalition for Human Needs will host a webinar to discuss the Trump Administration’s proposed FY2019 budget.

**Participants:** Sharon Parrott, senior fellow and senior counselor, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Deborah Weinstein, executive director, Coalition on Human Needs; and Ellen Teller, director of government affairs, Food Research and Action Center.

**Time:** 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Contact:** RSVP Here.

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**Impact of Tribal Colleges and Universities (H)**

**Subject:** The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) will host a briefing on the nation’s Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) and how they work with the public and private sectors to strengthen and serve the local economy.

**Participants:** Carrie Billy, CEO, AIHEC (moderator); Dr. David Yarlott, Jr., president, Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency, MT and board chair, AIHEC; Dr. Sandra Bohem, president, Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, MT; Roland Begaye, Student, Navajo Technical University, Crownpoint, NM; and Breanne Luger, student, Sitting Bull College and president, AIHEC Student Congress.

**Time and Location:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; 2247 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** RSVP Here.

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**Thursday, February 15, 2018**

**Best Practices to Bring STEM and Coding into Districts and Schools (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Future of Education Technology Conference will host a webinar to discuss the best practices on bringing hands-on coding and STEM into schools, and review guidelines on coding to learn math, science, literacy, art, and music. Pilot and case studies examining STEM implementation in elementary and middle schools will be reviewed, and important take-aways applicable for different educational settings will be highlighted.

**Participants:** Dr. Azadeh Jamalian, head of education strategy, LittleBits.

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:** RSVP Here.

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**Examining the Value of Education (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host a discussion about the value of education. Does education enhance students’ knowledge and skills? Or does it mostly ”signal” their intelligence, work ethic, and conformity — the qualities of a good employee? The event will feature an interactive debate, with audience members voting to determine a winner.

**Participants:** Bryan Caplan, George Mason University; Eric A. Hanushek, AEI, Stanford University; Frederick M. Hess, AEI; and Nat Malkus, AEI.

**Time:** 4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.; AEI Auditorium, 1789 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP Here.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**
Consideration of Legislation Making Further Appropriations for FY 2018
Votes on various nominations

House Floor:
Consideration of Legislation Making Further Appropriations for FY 2018
H.R. 772 – Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2017
H.R. 1153 – Mortgage Choice Act of 2017

Bills to Watch

FY 2018 APPROPRIATIONS

Continuing Resolutions (CR)

H.R.195  Sponsor: Rep. Steve Russell (R-OK)
Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act FY2018 until February 8, 2018. (1/22/18 Signed by President Trump; 1/22/18 Passed by the House of Representatives; 1/22/18 Passed by the Senate)

H.R. 1370  Sponsor: Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)
Making further continuing appropriations for FY 2018 until January 19, 2018. (12/22/17 Signed by President Trump; 12/21/17 Passed by the House of Representatives; 12/21/17 passed by the Senate)

Making further continuing appropriations for FY 2018 until December 22, 2017. (12/8/17 Signed by President Trump; 12/7/17 Passed by the House of Representatives; 12/7/17 passed by the Senate)

Making further continuing appropriations for FY 2018 until December 8, 2017. (9/8/17 Signed by President Trump; 9/8/17 Passed by the House of Representatives; 9/7/17 passed by the Senate)

Omnibus Appropriations

H.R. 3354  Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018 (FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Act) (9/14/17 Passed by House of Representatives)

Budget Resolutions

FY 2018 House Budget Resolution (10/5/17 Passed by House of Representatives; 7/19/17 Passed by Budget Committee)

S.Con.Res.25  Sponsor: Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY)
FY 2018 Senate Budget Resolution (10/19/2017 Passed by Senate; 10/5/2017 Passed by Budget Committee)

Appropriations Bills
H.R. 3267  
Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)  

S. 1662  
Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)  

H.R. 3358  
Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)  
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (7/19/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/13/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

S. 1771  
Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)  
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (9/7/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 9/6/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

H.R. 3354  
Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)  
Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (9/14/17 Passed by House; 7/18/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/12/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

HIGHER EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT  
H.R. 4508  
Sponsor: Representative Virginia Foxx (R-NC)  
Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform (PROSPER) Act (12/13/17 Passed by House Education & Workforce Committee)

CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT  
H.R. 2353  
Sponsor: Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA)  
Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (6/22/17 Passed House of Representatives; 6/7/17 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)

JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT  
H.R. 1809  
Sponsors: Representatives Jason Lewis (R-MN) and Bobby Scott (D-VA)  
Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2017 (5/23/17 Passed by the House; 4/4/17 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)

S.860  
Sponsors: Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)  
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2017 (8/1/17 Passed by the Senate; 8/1/17 Discharged by the Judiciary Committee; 4/5/17 Introduced)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2018 Schedule  
U.S. Senate 2018 Schedule  
U.S. Department of Education  
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
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