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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015
None.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

Senate HELP Committee ESEA Markup
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) will hold an executive session to mark up the “Every Child Achieves Act of 2014,” and discuss the WIOA Technical Amendments Act and nominations.
Nominees: Ericka Miller, Assistant Secretary of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education (ED); and Michael Yudin, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, ED.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 216 Hart SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the executive session, contact: 202.224.5375.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

Engineering Advisory Committee Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will hold the bi-annual meeting of the Directorate for Engineering Advisory Committee from April 15 – 16.
**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford I, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

**Contact:** Register for the meeting by contacting Evette Rollins at: erollins@nsf.gov. View the agenda here.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015**

**House Science Subcommittee Hearing on NASA’s FY 2016 Budget**

**Subject:** The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology’s Subcommittee on Space will hold a hearing, “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for Fiscal Year 2016.”

**Witness:** The Honorable Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, NASA.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford I, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

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**Senate Appropriations LHHS Subcommittee Holds Hearing on ED Budget**

**Subject:** The Senate Appropriations Committee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education will hold a hearing on the FY 2016 Department of Education Budget.

**Witness:** Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing, contact: 202.225.6371.

**WIOA Provisions**

**Subject:** The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) will host a webinar, “Priority of Service Provisions in WIOA: Serving Low-Income and Lower-Skilled Individuals.”

**Participants:** Anna Cielinski, senior policy analyst, CLASP; Amy Martinez, South Central Workforce Council, Yakima, WA; and Debby Kratky, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County, Fort Worth, TX.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Barriers to Postsecondary Education**

**Subject:** Gallup and the Lumina Foundation will host an event to discuss their study, “Unrealized Dreams: Americans Have High Postsecondary Aspirations But Barriers Remain.”

**Participants:** Cheryl Hyman, Chancellor, City Colleges of Chicago; Eduardo Padron, president, Miami Dade College; Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO, Lumina Foundation; and Brandon Busteed, executive director, Gallup.

**Time and Location:** 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 1825 Connecticut Avenue, Academy Hall, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015**

None.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

Possible consideration of:

**H.R. 2 – Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015**
House Floor:

H.R. 685 – Mortgage Choice Act of 2015
H.R. 622 – State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Fairness Act of 2015
H.R. 1105 – Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015

Bills to Watch

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (02/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee and moved to the Senate Legislative Calendar)

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