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**Weekly Calendar**

**MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014**

**Negotiated Rule Making Session**

**Subject:** The U.S. Department of Education (ED) will hold a fourth session of negotiated rule making to further discuss adverse credit for borrowers in the Federal Direct PLUS Loan Program from May 19th-20th.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; ED, 1990 K Street, NW, 8th Floor Conference Center, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** For more information, go to: http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2012/programintegrity.html.

**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014**

**House Subcommittee Mark Up of FY 2015 Agriculture Bill**

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies will mark up the FY 2015 Agriculture Appropriations bill.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2362-A Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the mark up call 202.225.2771.

**House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Hearing on the FCC**
Subject: The House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Communications and Technology will hold a hearing titled, “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).”
Witness: Tom Wheeler, FCC Chairman.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 2123 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call 202.225.2927.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

For-Profit Colleges
Subject: The Center for American Progress (CAP) will host an event, “What Makes For-Profit Colleges Different? How Public Policy Can Promote the Promise Without the Pitfalls.”
Participants: Ted Strickland, Counselor, CAP; Thomas Babel, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, DeVry Education Group; Wallace Boston, President and CEO, American Public University System; Maura Dunndon, Senior Policy Counsel, Center for Responsible Lending; Robert Shireman, Executive Director, California Competes; and David Bergeron, Vice President, Postsecondary Education Policy, CAP.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.; CAP, 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP at: http://www.americanprogress.org/events/2014/05/13/89591/what-makes-for-profit-colleges-different/?evlc=rsvp.

The House Committee on Appropriations to Mark Up Transportation and HUD Bill
Subject: The House Committee on Appropriations will mark up the FY 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2359 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the mark up call .202.225.2771.

Financial Literacy
Subject: The Council for Economic Education (CEE) will host event, “Financial Literacy and The Federal Government.”
Participants: Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY); and Senator Jack Reed (D-RI).
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave, NW, Washington, DC.

House Committee Mark Up of the FIRST Act
Subject: The House Committee on Science, Space and Technology will hold a markup of S. 1254 and the Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science, and Technology (FIRST) Act (H.R. 4186).
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the markup call 202.225.6371.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

Senate HELP Hearing on Veterans and Higher Education
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing titled, “Examining Access and Supports for Service members and Veterans in Higher Education.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call 202.224.5375.

College Access
Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education (AEE) will host a webinar, “Enhancing Bridge Programs to Increase College Access and Success,” to discuss college completion and workforce preparation.
Participants: Loren Blanchard, Ph.D., Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, Xavier University of Louisiana; Amy Dalsimer, Executive Director of Pre-College Academic Programming, LaGuardia Community College/CUNY; Mariana Haynes, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, AEE; and Vanessa Martin, Senior Associate, MDRC.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Contact: Register at: http://all4ed.org/webinar/may-22-2014/.

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2014
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On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
The Senate will convene on Tuesday, May 20. Washington Partners will send Senate floor updates when the schedule becomes available.

House Floor:
H.R. 3361 – Uniting and Strengthening America by Fulfilling Rights and Ending Eavesdropping, Dragnet-collection, and Online Monitoring Act

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Bills to Watch

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)

S. 1094  Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)

H.R. 803  Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act (3/15/13 passed by House; 3/6/13 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

S. 1356  Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Workforce Investment Reauthorization Act (7/31/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf
U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm
U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov
U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget
Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov
Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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