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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting American education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Monday, July 11, 2016
None.

Tuesday, July 12, 2016
None.

Wednesday, July 13, 2016
House Committee on Appropriations Markup of FY2017 LHHS Bill
Subject: The House Appropriations Committee will markup the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (LHHS) Bill.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2359 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the markup, contact: 202.225.2771.

Impact of Sexual Violence on Students
Subject: The National Coalition for Women & Girls in Education will hold an event, “The Impact of Sexual Harassment and Violence on K-12, Graduate, and LGBT Students.”
Participants: Lara Kaufmann, director of public policy, Girls, Inc; Neena Chaudhry, director of education and senior counsel, National Women's Law Center; Sherry Marts, Ph.D, CEO, Association for Women in Science; and Anne Hedgepeth, government relations manager, American Association of University Women.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 421 Cannon HOB.
Contact: Register here.
**Unique Role of HBCUs**

**Subject:** The Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus and the House Education and the Workforce Committee Democrats will hold a briefing, "A Legacy of Excellence: Examining the Unique Role of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)"

**Participants:** Makola M. Abdulla, president, Virginia State University; Brian Bridges, vice president of research and member engagement, United Negro College Fund (UNCF); Vashti Hinton, intern and student, North Carolina A&T State University; Gloria James, provost and vice president of academic affairs, Wiley College; Bill Mayew, associate professor, Fuqua School of Business, Duke University; and Larry Walker, educational consultant and author, HBCU Lifestyle.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; 2261 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Senate Commerce, Science, & Transportation Subcommittee Hearing on Space Exploration**

**Subject:** The Senate Commerce, Science, & Transportation Subcommittee on Space, Science and Competitiveness will hold a hearing, "NASA at a Crossroads: Reasserting American Leadership in Space Exploration."

**Witnesses:** William H. Gerstenmaier, associate administrator of human exploration and operations, NASA; Dr. Mary Lynne Dittmar, executive director, Coalition for Deep Space Exploration; Mike Gold, vice president of Washington Operations, SSL; Mark Sirangelo, vice president, Space Systems Group, Sierra Nevada Corporation; and Dan Dumbacher, professor of engineering practice, Purdue University.

**Time and Location:** 2:30 p.m.; 253 Russell SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.1251.

**Senate HELP Committee Hearing on Campus Safety**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing, "Campus Safety: Improving Prevention and Response Efforts."

**Time and Location:** 2:45 p.m.; 106 Dirksen SOB.

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

**Thursday, July 14, 2016**

**Youth Summer Jobs**

**Subject:** The Brookings Institution will hold an event, “Improving Youth Summer Jobs Programs.”

**Participants:** Martha Ross, fellow, Brookings Institution; and Richard Kazis, former senior vice president, Jobs for the Future.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Pursuit of Opportunity**

**Subject:** The U.S. Department of Education and the College Board will hold an event to screen the documentary, *Southeast 67*, which follows the paths of a group of students in an impoverished, drug-ridden Washington, DC community who were part of a six-year educational program offering college scholarships, illuminating the complex challenges associated faced by the group.

**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Barnard Auditorium, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** RSVP to melinda.malico@ed.gov.

**Career Pathways**

**Subject:** The College and Career Readiness and Success Center at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) will hold the first of a series of webinars, “Engaging Key Stakeholders in the Career Pathways Design Process.”

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Friday, July 15, 2016**

**Federal Education Research**
Subject: The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) will hold an education policy forum, “A Fresh Look at Challenges and Opportunities in the Federal Education Research Program.”  
Participants: Dr. Ruth Neild, deputy director for policy and research, Institute of Education Sciences.  
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC.  
Contact: Register here.

Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, July 19, 2016  
WIOA Conversation  
Subject: WorkforceGPS, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration will hold an event, “WIOA at Year Two: Continuing the Conversation.”  
Participants: Gerri Fiala, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; Susan Golonka, Acting Director, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children & Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Janet LaBreck, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education; Johan E. Uvin, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education; Sue Swenson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education; and Portia Wu, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.  
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Contact: Register here.

Career Pathways and State Context  
Subject: The College and Career Readiness and Success Center at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) will hold the second of a series of webinars, “Understanding the State Context to Inform Career Pathway Design.”  
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Contact: Register here.

Thursday, July 21, 2016  
College Recruitment  
Subject: New America will hold an event, “Colleges in the Age of Enrollment Management: Engines of Opportunity or Perpetuators of Inequality?”  
Participants: Donald Hossler, emeritus professor of educational leadership and policy studies, Indiana University; Ozan Jaquette, assistant professor of higher education and organizational change, University of California at Los Angeles; Lesley Turner, assistant professor of economics, University of Maryland at College Park; Ken Redd, director of research and policy analysis, National Association of College and University Business Officers; and Stephen Burd, senior policy analyst, Education Policy Program, New America.  
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.  
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:  
H.R.5293 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2017
House Floor:
H.R.4992 – United States Financial System Protection Act of 2016
H.R.5119 – No 2 H2O from Iran Act
H.R.5538 – Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2017
H.R.5631 – To hold Iran accountable for its state sponsorship of terrorism and other threatening activities and for its human rights abuses, and for other purposes
S.304 – Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act
Senate amendment to the House amendment to S.764 – An Act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes

Items that may be considered under suspension of the rules:
H.R.3178 – Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act
H.R.3179 – Empowering Students through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act
H.R.5528 – Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act
H.R.5529 – Accessing Higher Education Opportunities Act
H.R.5530 – HBCU Capital Financing Improvement Act

Bills to Watch

FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS
S. 2837 Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

H.R. 5393 Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

S. 3040 Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2017 (6/9/16 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/7/16 Passed by Subcommittee)

H.R. 5538 Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2017 (6/15/16 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 5/25/16 Passed by Subcommittee)

S.3068 Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Interior and the Environment Appropriations Act of FY2016 (6/16/2016 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/14/2016 Passed by Subcommittee)

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227 Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (12/17/15 Passed by Senate; 2/04/2015 Passed by HELP Committee)

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