Digital Technologies in Higher Education

**Subject:** McGraw-Hill Education will host a briefing titled, “Digital Education: Understanding the Evolving Context of Technology and Terminology in Higher Education.” The goal of the briefing is to provide a better understanding of how institutions of higher education can integrate digital technologies into various curricula whether it be through an in-person or online course.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 188 Russell SOB. On the House side, the briefing will take place at 1:30 p.m.; 1540-A Longworth HOB.

**Contact:** Dana.Weekes@squirepb.com

**Race, Class and College Access**

**Subject:** The American Council on Education (ACE) will host an event to release the report, “Race, Class and College Access: Achieving Diversity in a Shifting Legal Landscape.”

**Participants:** Molly Corbett Broad, president, ACE; Gary Orfield, professor, UCLA Graduate School of Education and co-director, Civil Rights Project, UCLA; Lorelle Espinosa, assistant vice president, Center for Policy Research & Strategy, ACE; Matthew Gaertner, senior research scientist, Center for College & Career Success, Pearson; David Hawkins, executive director, Educational Content and Policy, National Association for College Admission Counseling; Jamie...
Lewis Keith, vice president, general counsel, university secretary, University of Florida; Melissa Hart, professor and director, University of Colorado Boulder Law School; and Arthur Coleman, attorney, managing partner, EducationCounsel.

**Time and Location:** 8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 1 Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Non-Defense Discretionary Spending**

**Subject:** NDD United will hold a town hall meeting, "What's the Deal with the Deal?"

**Participants:** Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); and Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY).

**Time and Location:** 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; HVC 215.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015**

**Senate HELP Committee Hearing**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing, “Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: Exploring Barriers and Opportunities within Innovation.”

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

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

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**THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015**

**Higher Education Accountability and Performance Metrics (H)**

**Subject:** The Education Commission of the States (ECS) will hold a webinar to review the national trends and state models for higher education accountability and performance metrics. This is the third in a series hosted by ECS as part of their Blueprint for College Readiness Project.

**Time and Location:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015**

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Tuesday, July 28, 2015**

**Innovations in Assessment**

**Subject:** The Educational Testing Service (ETS) will hold an event, “Innovations in Student Learning Assessments for Higher Education.”

**Participants:** Alberto Acereda, senior director of business development, Global Education Division; Javarro Russell, senior research and assessment advisor, Global Education Division; Ou Lydia Liue, director of research for higher education, Foundational & Validity Research Center; and Katrina Roohr, associate research scientist for higher education, Foundational & Validity Research Center.

**Time and Location:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 1800 K Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

**State WIOA Implementation**

**Subject:** The National Skills Coalition will hold a webinar, “2015 State Policy Legislative Round-Up”

**Participants:** Bryan Wilson, state policy director, National Skills Coalition; Brooke DeRenzis, senior state policy analyst, National Skills Coalition; Elizabeth Creamer, advisor for Workforce
Development Secretary of Commerce and Trade Office of Governor Terence R. McAuliffe; and Andrea Ferstan, director of education and jobs, Greater Twin Cities United Way.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

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

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

H.R. 22 – legislative vehicle for a Highway bill.

**House Floor:**

- **H.R. 1734**— Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015
- **H.R. 1599**— Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015

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**Bills to Watch**

**APPROPRIATIONS**

- **H.R. 2578** *Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)*  

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

- **H.R. 2822** *Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)*  

- **S. 1645** *Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)*  

- **H.R. #** *Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)*  
  Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2016 (6/24/15 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/17/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

- **S. 1695** *Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)*  
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)
S. 1177  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 (4/16/2015 Passed HELP Committee and moved to the Senate Legislative Calendar)

Student Success Act (2/27/2015 Debated and amended on the House Floor. A final vote is still pending; 2/11/15 Education and the Workforce Committee mark up.)

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

AMERICA COMPETES ACT
H.R. 1806  Sponsor: Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX)
America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 (05/20/2015 Passed the House, 04/22/2015 Passed the Science, Space and Technology Committee)

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