**JULY 21 – JULY 25, 2014**

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**MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014**

**Social and Physical Sciences**

**Subject:** The University of Chicago and New York University (NYU) will host a briefing, “Science and Big Data to Improve Urban Planning, Design, and Policy,” to discuss the integration of social, computational, physical and life sciences to address urban challenges.

**Participants:** Charlie Catlett, Urban Center for Computation and Data, University of Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory; and Steve Koonin, Director, Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP), New York University.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Capitol Visitors Center, HVC 201 A&B.

**Contact:** RSVP to: kim.alfred@nyu.edu.

**Comprehensive Universities**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event, “Comprehending Comprehensive Universities.”

**Participants:** Kim Clark, Senior Writer, *Money Magazine*; Will Doyle, Associate Professor, Vanderbilt University; Alisa Hicklin Fryar, Associate Professor, University of Oklahoma; Jeff Selingo, Editor, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*; and Mark Schneider, Visiting Scholar, AEI.

**Time and Location:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** RSVP to: Daniel.lautzenheiser@aei.org.
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014
NONE.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014

Senate Committee Mark Up On Protecting Students from Violence
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions will mark up a bill, H.R. 2083, Protecting Student from Sexual and Violent Predators Act.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen, SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014

Reducing Poverty
Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event, “Expanding Opportunity in America: A Conversation with House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan” to discuss a set of policy reforms aimed at reducing poverty and increasing upward mobility in America.
Participants: Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI); Arthur C. Brooks, President, AEI; Stuart Butler, Distinguished Fellow and Director, Center for Policy Innovation, Heritage Foundation; Robert Doar, Fellow, Poverty Studies, AEI; Ron Haskins, Co-Director, Center on Children and Families, Brookings Institution; and Bob Woodson, Founder and President, Center for Neighborhood Enterprise.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; AEI, 1150, 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.

Senate HELP Hearing on States in Higher Education
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing, “The Role of States in Higher Education.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2014
NONE.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
The Senate will vote on Julie E. Carnes to U.S. Eleventh Circuit Judge as well as Michael Anderson Lawson to the title of Ambassador and Eunice Reddick as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Niger.

House Floor:
H.R.3136—Advancing Competency-Based Education Demonstration Project Act of 2013
H.R.3393—Student and Family Tax Simplification Act
H.R.4935—Child Tax Credit Improvement Act of 2014
H.R.4983—Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (under suspension of the rules)
H.R.4984—Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act
H.R.5035—to reauthorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and for other purposes (under suspension of the rules)
H.R.5134—NACIQI and Advisory Committee for Student Financial Assistance (under suspension of the rules)

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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*)

**H.R. 5**

* Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)  
  Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (*6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee*)

STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT

**H.R. 4366**

* Sponsor: Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)  
  Strengthening Education through Research Act (*05/08/14 passed by House; 4/8/2014 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee*)

SIMPLIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID ACT

**H.R. 4982**

* Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
  Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (*06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce*)

STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

**H.R. 4983**

* Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)  
  Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (*06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce*)

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT

**H.R. 4984**

* Sponsor: Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)  
  Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (*06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce*)

HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY ACT

* Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)  
  Higher Education Affordability Act (*discussion draft of the bill, comments due to HELP Committee by 08/29/14*)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:  
[http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf](http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf)

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:  
[http://www senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm)

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:  

U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor:  
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