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Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 24, 2017
None.

Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Free Speech on College Campuses
Subject: The Heritage Foundation will host an event, “Doublespeak 101: “Free Speech Zones” and the Threat to Free Speech on Campus.” The event will feature opening remarks by Congressman Phil Roe (R-TN).
Participants: Stanley Kurtz, senior fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center; Mary Clare Amselem, policy analyst, Heritage Foundation; Tim Sandefur, vice president for litigation, Goldwater Institute; and Lindsey Burke, director, Center for Education Policy, Heritage Foundation.
Time and Location: 10:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.; Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave, NE, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Senate Appropriations CJS Subcommittee Markup of FY2018 Appropriations Bill
Subject: The Senate Appropriations Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) Subcommittee will hold a markup of the FY2018 appropriations bill.
Time and Location: 2:30 p.m.; 192 Dirksen SOB
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.7257.

Wednesday, July 26, 2017
House Science Committee Hearing on STEM Education for the 21st Century Workforce
Subject: The House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Research and Technology will hold a hearing, “STEM and Computer Science Education: Preparing the 21st Century Workforce.”
Participants: James Brown, executive director, STEM Education Coalition; Pat Yongpradit, chief academic officer, Code.org; Dr. Paul Alivisatos, executive vice chancellor & provost, acting vice chancellor for research, and professor of chemistry and materials science & engineering, University of California, Berkeley; and Dee Mooney, executive director, Micron Technology Foundation.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.6371.

House Education and Workforce Committee Hearing on Earn-and-Learn Opportunities
Subject: The House Education Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee will hold a hearing, “Expanding Options for Employers and Workers Through Earn-and-Learn Opportunities.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

Thursday, July 27, 2017
Senate Appropriations Committee Markup of FY2018 CJS Appropriations Bill
Subject: The Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a markup of the FY2018 appropriations bill.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 106 Dirksen SOB. The markup webcast will be audio-only.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.7257.

Friday, July 28, 2017
Innovations in STEM Education
Subject: The House STEM Education Caucus will hold an event to highlight how new ideas to encourage young students to love science, technology, engineering, and math at an early age are being generated by school systems, non-profit organizations, and private companies.
Participants: The event will feature local students from Maryland High Schools, the Palo Alto Networks, and the Girl Scouts of the USA.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; 421 Cannon HOB.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Future Hearings and Events
None at this time.

On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor:
Votes on various nominations for political appointments.
Potential vote on Better Care Act to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act and/or vote on repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

House Floor:
H.R. 3219 – “Make America Secure Appropriations Act, 2018”
H.J.Res. 111 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Arbitration Agreements”
Bills to Watch

FY 2018 APPROPRIATIONS
FY 2018 House Budget Resolution (7/19/17 Passed by Budget Committee)

H.R. 3267 Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

H.R. # Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (7/19/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/13/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

H.R. # Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (7/18/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/12/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT
H.R. 2353 Sponsor: Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA)
Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (6/22/17 Passed House of Representatives; 6/7/17 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)

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U.S. Senate 2017 Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
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U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
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