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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Monday, August 3, 2015
None.

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Policy and Choice in Higher Education

Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will hold an event which is only available for livestream, "Matching All Students to Postsecondary Opportunities: How College Choice is Influenced by Institutional, State, and Federal Policy."

Participants: Andrew P. Kelly, resident scholar, AEI; Matthew Holsapple, Chicago Consortium of School Research; Jessica Howell, College Board; Nicole Farmer Hurd, College Advising Corps; Michael S. McPherson, Spencer Foundation; Thomas R. Bailey, professor, Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University; Crystal Byndloss, MDRC; Harry J. Holzer, professor, Georgetown University; Awilda Rodriguez, professor, Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, University of Michigan; Carolyn Sattin-Bajaj, professor, Seton Hall University; Michael Bastedo, professor, Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, University of Michigan; Lindsay C. Page, Learning Research and Development Center, University of Pittsburgh; and Lesley Turner, professor University of Maryland.

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

**Teacher Professional Development Research**

**Subject:** The New Teacher Project (TNTP) will hold an event to release the report, *The Mirage: Confronting the Hard Truth about Our Quest for Teacher Development.*

**Participants:** Daniel Weisberg, CEO, TNTP; Karolyn Belcher, president, TNTP; Amanda Ripley, investigative journalist, TIME Magazine; Jennifer Corroy Porras, teacher, IDEA Public Schools; John King, senior advisor, U.S. Department of Education; Kaya Henderson, chancellor, DC Public Schools; and Michael Garet, vice president, Education Program, institute fellow, American Institutes for Research.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 1001 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

**Wednesday, August 5, 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: Opportunities to Improve Student Success.”

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

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

**Thursday, August 6, 2015**

None.

**Friday, August 7, 2015**

None.

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None announced.

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**Senate Floor:**

*S.1881* – A bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

**House Floor:**

The House is in recess until September 8.

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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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