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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.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 10, 2015
None.

Tuesday, August 11, 2015
None.

Wednesday, August 12, 2015
National Science Board Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation will hold the first day of a two-day National Science Board Meeting.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.; 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Board Room 1235, Arlington, VA.
Contact: Find more information here.

ADA and HEA
Subject: The Northeast ADA Center will hold a webinar, “The American Disabilities Act (ADA) and Higher Education: What You Need to Know.
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.
Thursday, August 13, 2015

National Science Board Meeting

Subject: The National Science Foundation will hold the second day of a two-day National Science Board Meeting.

Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Board Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

Contact: Find more information here.

Friday, August 14, 2015

None.

Future Hearings and Events

Monday, August 17, 2015

Regional Competency-Based Learning (H)

Subject: The Regional Educational Laboratory at EDC will hold a webinar, “A Northeast Region View of Competency-Based Learning: Definitions, Policies, and Implementation.”

Participants: Aubrey Scheopner Torres, assistant professor, Saint Anselm College, and research consultant, REL Northeast & Islands; Paul Leather, deputy commissioner of education, New Hampshire Department of Education; Julia Freeland, research fellow, Clayton Christensen Institute; Jessica Brett, facilitator, Northeast College and Career Readiness Research Alliance; and Joshua Cox, researcher, Northeast College and Career Readiness Research Alliance.

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

College Mentors (E&S, H)

Subject: MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership will hold a webinar, “College Access Mentoring: Preparing Your Students for Graduation and Beyond,” as part of the Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series.

Participants: Tracy Butler, consultant; and Tammy Pearson, director, Project Leadership, a youth mentoring program that provides innovative college and success services.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
The Senate is in recess until September 8.

House Floor:
The House is in recess until September 8.

Bills to Watch

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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)

**H.R. 5** Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)
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)
Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2015 Schedule
U.S. Senate 2015 Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. Senate Budget Committee
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