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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 17, 2015

Regional Competency-Based Learning
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 18, 2015
None.

Wednesday, August 19, 2015
None.

Thursday, August 20, 2015

Friday, August 21, 2015

Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

College Mentors

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

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)


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)


EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)

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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