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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, September 7, 2015
Federal Holiday - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8, 2015
None.

Wednesday, September 9, 2015
Teacher Training at Success Academies

Subject: The Brookings Institution will hold an event, “Setting a New Standard for Success in Education.”

Participants: Eva Moskowitz, founder and CEO, Success Academy; Michael E. O’Hanlon, co-director, Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence, Brookings Institution; and Isabel V. Sawhill, senior fellow, Economic Studies, Brookings Institution.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; 1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Root Room, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Perkins Loan Program Press Conference
Subject: Representatives Louise Slaughter (D-NY) and Mark Pocan (D-WI) will hold a press conference to discuss the Perkins Loan Program and its future.

Participants: Representative Louise Slaughter (D-NY); Representative Mark Pocan (D-WI); Justin Draeger, president, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA); Jon Fansmith, director of government relations, American Council on Education (ACE); and Cyndi Littlefield, vice president of federal relations, American Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

Time and Location: 11:00 a.m.; House Triangle, Capitol Grounds, across from Cannon HOB.

Contact: RSVP to david.kolovson@mail.house.gov.

Thursday, September 10, 2015

House Higher Education and Workforce Training Subcommittee Hearing

Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training will hold a hearing, “Preventing and Responding to Sexual Assault on College Campuses.”

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2261 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

STEM Education

Subject: The Washington Post will hold an event, “Balancing the Equation,” to discuss innovative efforts in classrooms around the country to strengthen STEM education, especially for girls and students in underserved communities. The event is sponsored by Bayer and National Geographic.


Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Friday, September 11, 2015

None.

Future Hearings and Events

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Choosing Colleges

Subject: New America will hold an event, “Choosing College: How We Can Help Students Make Better Decisions.”

Participants: Carolin Hagelskamp, director of research, New America; Rachel Fishman, senior policy analyst, New America; Kevin Fudge, manager of government relations and community affairs, American Student Assistance; John Pryor, principal, Pryor Education Insights; Carrie Warick, director of partnerships and policy, National College Access Network; Libby Nelson, education reporter, Vox.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
H.J.Res.61– Motion related to proposed Iran nuclear agreement.
S.754– Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015

House Floor:
H.J.Res. 64 – Disapproving of the agreement transmitted to Congress by the President on July 19, 2015, relating to the proposed nuclear agreement.

Of Note on Suspension Calendar:
H.R. 1462 – Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015

Bills to Watch

APPROPRIATIONS

H.R.2578Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

S. # Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

H.R.2822Sponsor: 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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