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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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Secretary of Education Arne Duncan’s Back-To-School Bus Tour


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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

STEM Education Partnerships

Subject: The Triangle Coalition for STEM Education will host a webinar, “Sustaining STEM Education through Partnerships,” to discuss collaborative STEM partnerships that lead to growth and sustainability of STEM initiatives.

Participants: Steve Ricks, Director, Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI), Alabama Department of Education; Brenda Terry, Executive Director, Alabama Mathematics, Science, Technology, and Engineering Coalitions (AMSTEC); and Amanda Guelzow, Director of Communications, Triangle Coalition for STEM Education.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register at: http://www.trianglecoalition.org/webinars.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

House Science Committee Hearing on the DHS Science and Technology Directorate

Subject: The House Committee on Science, Space and Technology’s Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies and the Subcommittee on Research and Technology will hold a joint hearing, “Strategy and Mission of the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate.”

Participants: The Honorable Reginald Brothers, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, DHS; and Mr. David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 311 Cannon HOB.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, call: 202.225.6371.

House Ways and Means Hearing on Social Impact Bonds

Subject: The House Committee on Ways and Means will hold a hearing, “Social Impact Bonds: Can They Help Government Achieve Better Results for Families in Need?”

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 1100 Longworth HOB.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, contact: 202.226.4774.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

NSF Advisory Committee Meeting for Biological Sciences

Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host a committee meeting, “September 2014 Advisory Committee Meeting for the Directorate for Biological Sciences,” from September 10 – 11.

Participants: Dr. John Wingfield, Assistant Director, Directorate for Biological Sciences; Dr. Kay Gross, Chair, BIO AC; Dr. Michael S. Teitelbaum, Senior Research Associate, Harvard Law School, and author of “Falling Behind, Boom Bust and the Global Race for Scientific Talent;” Dr. Wendy Raymond, CEOSE Liaison to the BIO AC; and Dr. France Cordova, Director, NSF.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

Contact: RSVP to jwoodruf@nsf.gov and view the agenda at: http://www.nsf.gov/bio/bioac/meeting_material/DRAFT%20Agenda%20for%20Sept%202014%20BIO%20AC%20Meeting.pdf.

House Joint Hearing on Independent Oversight of the Department of Education

Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittees on Higher Education and Workforce Training and Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education will hold a hearing, “Improving Department of Education Policies and Programs Through Independent Oversight.”

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.

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

Literacy and CTE Briefing

Subject: The Advocates for Literacy and the Senate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Caucus will host a briefing, “Literacy and High Quality Career and Technical Education,” to discuss the link between literacy and CTE.

Participants: Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA); Senator Rob Portman (R-OH); Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI); Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY); Sheila Harrity, Principal, Worcester Technical High School, 2014 MetLife/NASSP National High School Principal of the Year; Sean Kinnard, ESOL HILT English Teacher, Arlington Career Center; and Jeff Elkner, Computer Science Teacher, Arlington Career Center.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; SCVC 215, Capitol Visitors Center.

Contact: RSVP to Hannah Allen at: hallen@wpllc.net.
**Senate Aging Committee Hearing on Student Loan Debt**

**Subject:** The Senate Special Committee on Aging will hold a hearing, “Indebted for Life: Older Americans and Student Loan Debt.”

**Time and Location:** 2:15 p.m.; 562 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing, call: 202.224.5364.

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014**

**U.S. Department of Education Advisory Committee Hearing**

**Subject:** The U.S. Department of Education (ED) will hold an "Advisory Committee Hearing on Student Financial Assistance" to discuss the Postsecondary Institution Ratings System (PIRS) with stakeholders.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Trinity Washington University, 125 Michigan Ave, NE, O’Connor Auditorium, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: [http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/acsfar/registration/edlite-index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/acsfar/registration/edlite-index.html).

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**Career Pathways**

**Subject:** The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) and the Alliance for Quality Career Pathways will host a webinar, "Defining, Strengthening, and Measuring Quality Career Pathways and Systems."

**Participants:** Vickie Choitz, Director, Alliance for Quality Career Pathways, CLASP; Rosa Lopez, Career Pathways Coordinator, Lane Community College; and Judy Mortrude, State Program Administrator, Career Pathways, Department of Employment and Economic Development.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: [https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/271540398](https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/271540398).

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**Apprenticeships Through WIOA**

**Subject:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will host a webinar, “WIOA Stakeholder Consultation: WIOA and Registered Apprenticeship.”

**Participant:** John Ladd, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship, ETA.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: [https://www.workforce3one.org/view/5001422656060033459/info](https://www.workforce3one.org/view/5001422656060033459/info).

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

[S.J.Res. 19](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bILLS/114/sen/19) – A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

**House Floor:**

[H.Res. 644](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bILLS/114/hr/644) – Condemning and disapproving of the Obama administration's failure to comply with lawful statutory requirements to notify Congress before releasing the Taliban 5

[H.R. 2495](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bILLS/114/hr/2495) – American Super Computing Leadership Act

[H.R. 3522](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bILLS/114/hr/3522) – Employee Health Care Protection Act of 2013

[H.R. 5078](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bILLS/114/hr/5078) – Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014
**Bills to Watch**

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)**

S. 1094  
Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)  
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

H.R. 5  
Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)  
Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

**STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT**

H.R. 4366  
Sponsor: Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)  
Strengthening Education through Research Act (05/08/14 passed by House; 4/8/2014 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

**SIMPLIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID ACT**

H.R. 4982  
Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

**STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT**

H.R. 4983  
Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)  
Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

**EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT**

H.R. 4984  
Sponsor: Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)  
Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

**HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY ACT**

Draft  
Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)  
Higher Education Affordability Act (discussion draft of the bill, comments due to HELP Committee by 08/29/14)

**AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

S. 2757  
Sponsor: Sen. John Rockefeller (D-WV)  
America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Reauthorization Act of 2014 (07/31/14 referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation)

H.R. 4186  
Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act of 2014 (03/10/14 reported out of committee by voice vote)
Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:  
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf  
U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:  
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm  
U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov  
U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget  
Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov  
Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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