This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting American education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Monday, September 12, 2016
None.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

House Ways and Means Subcommittee Hearing on Tax-Exempt Higher Education Endowments

Subject: The House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight will hold a hearing, “Back to School: A Review of Tax-Exempt College and University Endowments.”

Witnesses: Mark Schneider, vice president and institute fellow, American Institutes for Research (AIR); Neal McCluskey, director, Center for Educational Freedom, Cato Institute; Jeff Amburgey, vice president for finance, Berea College, KY; Sheila Bair, former FDIC chair, president, Washington College, MD; and Sandy Baum, senior fellow, Urban Institute.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 1100 Longworth HOB.

Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.3625.

Citizen Ready Youth

Subject: The Council for a Strong America will hold a briefing, “A National Crisis: Young Americans are Not Citizen-Ready.” Discussion will center on policies and practices designed to build a healthier, more secure and better educated nation.

Participants: Don Ash, sheriff, Wyandotte County, KS; Lester Lyles, Retired General, U.S. Air Force; Larry Jensen, president and CEO, Cushman Wakefield; Summer Sanders, Olympic Gold Medalist; Mark Fuller, pastor, Church of the Nazarene, Grove City, OH; and John Cochran, former chief capitol hill correspondent, ABC News.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 201-00 CVC.
Contact: Register here.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016
House Budget Committee Hearing
Subject: The House Committee on the Budget will hold a hearing, “Growing Risks to the Budget and the Economy.”
Witnesses: Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, president, American Action Forum; and John H. Cochrane, senior fellow, Hoover Institution.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 210 Cannon HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.226.7270.

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Hearing on Robotics
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 2322 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2927.

Teaching Employability Skills
Subject: The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) and the Committee for Children will hold a briefing, “The Importance of Employability Skills: How and Why Educators Should Teach These Skills.”
Participants: Joan Cole Duffell, executive director, Committee for Children; Karen Niemi, president and CEO, CASEL; Timothy Shriver, PhD, chairman of the board, CASEL and CEO, Special Olympics; Janice Jackson, PhD, chief education officer, Chicago Public Schools; Stanley Litow, vice president, Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs, president, IBM International Foundation; and R. Keeth Matheny, teacher, Austin, TX Independent School District.
Time and Location: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; 203 SVC.
Contact: RSVP to hallen@wpllc.net.

Launch of House Earth & Space Science Caucus
Subject: The American Geophysical Union will hold a reception to launch the House Earth & Space Science Caucus. Chaired by Representatives David Jolly (R-FL) and Jared Polis (D-CO), this bipartisan caucus aims to increase Congressional recognition of the Earth and space sciences’ impact on policy and facilitate engagement with scientists.
Time and Location: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; B-338 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: RSVP to gmarino@agu.org by September 12.

Thursday, September 15, 2016
Teacher Recruitment and Attainment
Subject: The Learning Policy Institute will hold an event, “Solving Teacher Shortages: Attracting and Retaining a Talented and Diverse Teaching Force.” The forum will feature new data on the extent and nature of current teacher shortages, and highlight research about recruitment and retention strategies that provide effective long-term solutions.
Participants: Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN); Governor Richard Riley, former Secretary of Education; Linda Darling-Hammond, president and CEO, Learning Policy Institute; Peggy Brookins, president and CEO, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; Sherrilyn Ifill, president, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund; Randi Weingarten, president, American Federation of Teachers; Marc Tucker, president and CEO, National Center on Education and the Economy; and Laura Kaloi, vice president of policy and development, Washington Partners, LLC. Additional speakers found here.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP by Friday, September 9th to shood@learningpolicyinstitute.org.
Innovators in Higher Education
Subject: New America and the Washington Monthly will host an event, “The Most Innovative People in Higher Education.” Panel discussion will center on those finding inventive ways of providing more students of modest means with quality degrees at affordable prices.
Participants: Charles Isbell, professor and senior associate dean, Georgia Institute of Technology; Bridget Burns, executive director, University Innovation Alliance; Amy Laitinen, director for higher education, Education Policy Program, New America; Jamie P. Merisotis, president and CEO, Lumina Foundation; and Paul Glastris, editor in chief, Washington Monthly.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; 740 15th Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, September 16, 2016
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Monday, September 19, 2016
Budget Reform
Subject: The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget will hold a briefing, “Budget Process Reform – Senate Perspectives” to discuss the Senate Budget Committee’s recommendations in the areas of budget procedures, biennial budgeting, a budget concepts commission, and portfolio budgeting.
Participants: Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Chairman, Senate Budget Committee.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Students Left Behind
Subject: The Spencer and Lumina Foundations will host an event, “Left Behind: How K-12 & Higher Education Fail Students and What Must Change.” The event will discuss American Public Media Reports’ recently released radio documentaries, with a focus on policy realities and possible solutions for students who are being left behind by today’s education systems.
Participants: Julie Ajinkya, vice president of applied research, Institute for Higher Education Policy; Emily Hanford, senior correspondent, APM Reports; Michael McPherson, president, Spencer Foundation; Amelia Parnell, vice president for research and policy, NASPA; and Julie Peller, director of federal policy, Lumina Foundation.
Time and Location: 9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, September 23, 2016
Education in the Presidential Election
Subject: The National Coalition for Technology in Education and Training (NCTET) will hold an event, “Education and the Presidential Election.” Panelists will engage in an off-the-record, non-partisan discussion and analysis of the state of the Presidential race and how education fits into the policy conversation.
Participants: Sam Feist, Washington Bureau Chief, vice president, CNN; and Alyson Klein, assistant editor, Politics K-12 Blog, Education Week.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to rpiering@gmail.com.
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S.2848 – The Water Resources Development Act

House Floor:
H.R. 5587 – Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, as amended
H.R. 295 – To reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program
H.R. 3590 – Halt Tax Increases on the Middle Class and Seniors Act
H.R. 5620 – VA Accountability First and Appeals Modernization Act of 2016
H.R. 5226 – Regulatory Integrity Act of 2016
H.R. 5351 – To prohibit the transfer of any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Bills to Watch

FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS

S. 2837 Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

H.R. 5393 Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

S. 3040 Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)
   Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2017 (6/9/16 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/7/16 Passed by Subcommittee)

H.R. # Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
   Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2017 (7/14/16 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/7/16 Passed by Subcommittee)

H.R. 5538 Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
   Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2017 (6/15/16 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 5/25/16 Passed by Subcommittee)

S.3068 Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
   Interior and the Environment Appropriations Act of FY2016 (6/16/2016 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/14/2016 Passed by Subcommittee)

CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT (PERKINS)

H.R. 5587 Sponsors: Representatives Glen Thompson (R-PA) and Katherine Clark (D-MA)
   Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (7/7/16 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)
EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (12/17/15 Passed by Senate; 2/04/2015
Passed by HELP Committee)

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