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Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 19, 2016

Business-Led Support of K-12 Schools

Subject: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation (USCCF) will host an event, “Career Readiness: A Business-Led Approach for Supporting K-12 Schools” and will release a new report that calls on the business community to support states and districts in adopting and implementing a combined college and career readiness indicator to support the future workforce.

Participants: John White, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education; Kati Haycock, CEO, The Education Trust; Cheryl Oldham, senior vice president, USCCF Center for Education and Workforce; Gardner Carrick, vice president of strategic initiatives, The Manufacturing Institute; Kate Kreamer, deputy executive director, Advance CTE; Candy Johnson, director of policy, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; Maura Banta, director of citizenship initiatives, IBM; and Jason A. Tyszko, executive director, USCCF Center for Education and Workforce.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

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
Expanding College Access
Subject: The College Board will host a panel discussion on the book, Matching Students to Opportunity: Expanding College Choice, Access, and Quality.
Participants: Ben Wildavsky, senior fellow and executive director, Policy Center, College Board; Matthew Chingos, senior fellow, Urban Institute; Dr. Elsa Nuñez, president, Eastern Connecticut State University; and Jacqueline A. Thomas, legislative assistant, Office of Senator Chris Coons (D-DE).
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 395 Russell SOB.
Contact: RSVP to gheidel@collegeboard.org.

Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Senate HELP Committee Markup of Perkins CTE
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the markup, contact: 202.224.5375.

Thursday, September 22, 2016
Closing the Skills Gap through Global Education Subject: The Center for Global Education and the Brookings Institution’s Center for Universal Education will host a webcast discussion, “Closing the Skills Gap Through Global Education.” The discussion will focus on the importance of quality learning and the development of skills for the 21st century, the changing global landscape, and the skills needed to prepare young people for the future of learning, work, and life.
Participant: Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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:
H.R.5325 – Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017 (vehicle for FY2017 Continuing Resolution)
House Floor:
H.R. 5963 – Supporting Youth Opportunity and Preventing Delinquency Act

H.R. 3438 – REVIEW Act of 2016
H.R. 5461 – Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act
H.R. 5719 – Empowering Employees through Stock Ownership Act
Possible Consideration of H.R. 1309 – Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act
H.R. 5931 – Prohibiting Future Ransom Payments to Iran Act

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 (9/13/16 Passed by House; 7/7/16 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)

JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT
H.R. 5963 Sponsors: Representatives Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) and Bobby Scott (D-VA)
Supporting Youth Opportunity and Preventing Delinquency Act (9/14/16 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)

S.1169 Sponsors: Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2015 (12/15/16 Passed by Judiciary 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)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events
U.S. House of Representatives 2016 Schedule
U.S. Senate 2016 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
U.S. House Budget Committee
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