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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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Weekly Calendar

Key: E&S – Elementary & Secondary; H – Higher Education; D – Disability Policy

Monday, September 28, 2015
None.

Tuesday, September 29, 2015
NSF Committee Meeting of EHR Advisory Committee
Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will hold a web-based Education & Human Resources (EHR) Advisory Committee Meeting to make recommendations on the report of the Subcommittee on Advancing Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Science Policy Discussion
Subject: The American Association for the Advancement of the Sciences (AAAS) and the Engaging Scientists and Engineers in Policy (ESEP) Coalition will hold a webinar on science policy, “Engaging in Policy.”
Participants: Rush Holt, CEO, AAAS.
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Contact: Register here.
**Wednesday, September 30, 2015**

**House Science, Space, & Technology Committee Hearing**

**Subject:** The House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology will hold a full committee hearing, “Dyslexia and the Need to READ: H.R. 3033, the Research Excellence and Advancements for Dyslexia Act.”

**Witnesses:** Geraldine Miller, district 12 representative, Texas State Board of Education; Barbara Wilson, co-founder and co-president, Wilson Language Training; and Dr. Rachel Robillard, assistant director, 504 Services and Response to Intervention, Austin Independent School District.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; Room TBA

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact 202.225.6371.

**Secretary Duncan Speaks on the Future of Education Policy**

**Subject:** The National Press Club will host a luncheon in which U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will discuss the future of education policy.

**Participant:** Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education

**Time and Location:** 12:30 p.m.; 529 14th Street, 13th Floor, Holeman Lounge, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Tickets are $23 for Press Club members and $37 for non-members; Register here.

**Thursday, October 1, 2015**

**Career and Technical Education**

**Subject:** IBM will host freshman Representative Steve Russell (R-OK) to discuss Perkins and other career and technical education issues.

**Participant:** Representative Steve Russell (R-OK), member, House Education and the Workforce Committee.

**Time and Location:** 3:00 p.m.; IMB, Third Floor, 600 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** For inquiries contact Ned McCulloch at nmculloch@us.ibm.com.

**Friday, October 2, 2015**

**Curricular Innovation in Higher Education**

**Subject:** The American Council on Education (ACE) will hold an event, “State- vs. System-led Curricular Innovation in Higher Education.”

**Participants:** Louis Soares, vice president, Center for Policy Research and Strategy, ACE; Elizabeth Zachry Rutschow, senior associate, MDRC; Jennifer Crandall, policy research analyst, Center for Policy Research and Strategy, ACE; Christopher Nellum, senior policy research analyst, Center for Policy Research and Strategy, ACE; Iris Palmer, senior policy analyst, New America Foundation; Tristan Denley, vice chancellor for academic affairs, Tennessee Board of Regents; Bruce Vandal, senior vice president for results, Complete College America; Jonathan Turk, policy research analyst, ACE; Michael Meotti, founder, Ed Policy Group; Elsa Nunez, president, Eastern Connecticut State University; and Hunter Boylan, director, National Center for Developmental Education.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.; One Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences**

**Subject:** The Department of Education’s Institute of Education Sciences (IES) will hold a meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; 80 F Street NW, Large Board Room, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** An agenda can be found here; or contact Ellie Pelaez, 202.219.0644, Ellie.Pelaez@ed.gov.

**Career Preparation Pathways**

**Subject:** The Alliance for Excellent Education will hold a webinar, “Raising the Bar for the Quality of Career Preparation Pathways: Apprenticeships.”

**Participants:** Jack Hayes, director of school improvement and innovation, Fayette County Public Schools, KY; Mariana Haynes, senior fellow, Alliance for Excellent Education; Terry Holliday, former Kentucky State Commissioner of Education; Ursula Renold, head of division, Comparative Education System Research, KOF Swiss Economic Institute; and Heather Singmaster, assistant director of education, Asia Society.

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
H.R.719, with further amendment (SA #2689 – clean CR through Dec. 11, 2015)

House Floor:
H.R. 3594 – Higher Education Extension Act of 2015 (Suspension Calendar)
H.R. 3495 – Women's Public Health and Safety Act
H.R. ___ – Justice for Victims of Iranian Terrorism Act

Consideration of legislation related to Continuing Government Funding for FY2016

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)

H.R.3020 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 (7/16/15 Passed by Senate; 4/16/2015 Passed HELP Committee)

H.R. 5  
Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)  
Student Success Act (7/8/15 Passed by House of Representatives; 2/27/2015 Debated and amended on the House Floor; 2/11/15 Passed by Education and the Workforce Committee)

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)  
S. 227  
Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  
Strengthening Education through Research Act (2/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

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U.S. Department of Education
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