Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, October 2, 2017
None.

Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Discussion on the Impact of the FY 2018 House Republican Budget (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The NDD United and the House Budget Committee Democrats will host a discussion, “The impact of the House Republican Budget on economic progress and the needs and priorities of American families.”
Time and Location: 11:15 a.m.; Capitol Visitor Center, Room HVC-215.
Contact: RSVP to Hayden.Flanery@mail.house.gov with your Name, Organization, and Email. Please also let them know that you learned of the event via the NDD United listserv.

NCAN Event: Moving the Needle on FAFSA Completion (H)
Subject: NCAN will host an event, “Moving the Needle on FAFSA Completion,” a discussion about the impact of policy changes to the FAFSA.
Participants: Rachel Gentry, University of Maryland; Heather Durosko, assistant director of strategic initiatives, National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC); and Gena Boling, associate director of financial aid, University of Missouri.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Top of the Hill Conference Center, 1 Constitution Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP to klebs@collegeaccess.org.

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Sustainable College Promise Initiatives (H)
Subject: ETS and the College Promise Campaign will host an event to release a new report, “Designing Sustainable Funding for College Promise Initiatives.” Models included in the report include: Privately Funded; Children’s Savings Accounts; State Funded; Federal Financial Aid Re-design; and Outcomes-based Financing.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Register Here.

Education Department Hearing on Cutting Regulations (H)
Subject: The Education Department will hold a hearing focused on identifying higher education regulations and guidance “that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement or modification.”
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Barnard Auditorium, Washington, D.C.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: Wendy.Macias@ed.gov.

FY 2018 Senate Budget Resolution (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Budget Committee will begin to mark up the FY 2018 Budget Resolution.
Time and Location: 2:30 p.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing contact 202.224.0642 or watch it here.

Using Data to Improve Teacher Preparation (E&S, H)
Subject: The Data Quality Campaign will host a webinar to discuss the role of education data use in improving teacher preparation.
Participants: Katie Anderson, 2013 SD Teacher of the Year and instructor, College of Education, Dakota State University; Nicole DellaRocco, data specialist for educator preparation, Center for Instructional Support, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and Anthony Graham, professor and dean, College of Education, North Carolina A&T State University.
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register Here.

National Science Board Committee on Strategy (E&S, H)
Subject: Discussion of potential Committee on Strategy activities through May 2018; and discussion of November 2017 National Science Board meeting agenda items. This meeting will be held by teleconference at the National Science Foundation. An audio link will be available for the public.
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Contact the Board Office to request the public audio link by sending an e-mail to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference.

2017 Literacy Leadership Awards (E&S, H)
Subject: The National Coalition for Literacy (NCL) Literacy will host the annual Leadership Awards Program. These awards recognize individuals and/or organizations that have made extraordinary national contributions to improving adult literacy and English language learning in the United States.
Recognitions: Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT-3rd); Dr. Stephen Reder, professor emeritus of applied linguistics, Portland State University; Dr. Sharon Darling, founder and president, the National Center for Families Learning; and Minnesota ABE Teaching and Learning Advancement System (ATLAS), Hamline University.
Time and Location: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; 122 Cannon HOB.
Contact: RSVP Here.
Subject: The Senate Budget Committee will complete the mark up the FY 2018 Budget Resolution.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 216 Hart SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing contact 202.224.0642 or watch it here.

Cultivating the Next Generation of Inventors and Innovators (E&S, H)
Subject: The House Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Caucus will host an event to highlight various programs developed or funded by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office focused on STEM education to fuel the interest and abilities of the next generation of inventors.
Participants: Dana Robert Colarulli, director, Office of Governmental Affairs, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), U.S. Department of Commerce; Linda Hosler, deputy program manager, National Inventors Hall of Fame/Camp Invention, Office of the Chief Communications Officer, USPTO; Dr. James E. West, professor of electrical and computer engineering, Johns Hopkins University; and Joyce Ward, director, Office of Education and Outreach, USPTO.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 121 Cannon HOB.
Contact: RSVP to congressional@uspto.gov.

Friday, October 6, 2017
None.

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Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
Charting a Principled Approach to Federal Higher Education Policy (H)
Subject: The Urban Institute will host an event to discuss and consider how the federal government can most effectively serve students and the country without stifling innovation or creating undue burden on institutions.
Participants: Andrew Kelly, senior vice president for strategy and policy, University of North Carolina (Moderator); Sandy Baum, senior fellow, Education Policy Program, Urban Institute; Margaret Spellings, president, University of North Carolina; former Secretary of Education; Douglas Harris, professor of economics and Schleider Foundation Chair in Public Education, Tulane University; Amy Jones, director, Education and Human Services Policy, Majority Staff; House Committee on Education and the Workforce; James Kvaal, former deputy director, White House Domestic Policy Council; and Ted Mitchell, president, American Council on Education; former Undersecretary of Education.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Urban Institute 2100 M Street, NW, 5th floor, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017
Behind the Bumper Sticker: One Grant, One Loan (H)
Subject: Third Way will host the first in a series of events where experts will debate what's "Behind the Bumper Sticker" on some of higher education's most talked about topics.
Participants: Sandy Baum, senior fellow, Education Policy Program, Urban Institute; Jason Delisle, resident fellow, American Enterprise Institute (AEI); and Justin Draeger, president and CEO, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA).
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; District Architecture Center, 421 7th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Communicating the Value and Promise of CTE (E&S, H)
Subject: Advance CTE, in coordination with the House and Senate CTE Caucuses, will host an event to share key the research, including the messages that CTE advocates at all levels can use to highlight the many benefits of CTE, and discuss how participants can see CTE’s value and promise in their own communities, work and lives.
Participants: David Etzwiler, CEO, the Siemens Foundation; Lynne Gilli, assistant state superintendent, Division of Career and College Readiness, Maryland State Department of Education; Lauren Fillebrown,
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Vote on the confirmation of Ajit Pai to be Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

House Floor:
H.R. 36 – Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
H.Con.Res. 71 – Fiscal Year 2018 Republican Budget Resolution
S. 652 – Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2017

Bills to Watch

FY 2018 APPROPRIATIONS

Omnibus Appropriations
H.R. 3354  Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018 (FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Act (9/14/17 Passed by House of Representatives)

FY 2018 House Budget Resolution (7/19/17 Passed by Budget Committee)

H.R. 3267  Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

S. 1662  Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

H.R. 3358  Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (7/19/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/13/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

S. 1771  Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (9/7/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 9/6/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

H.R. 3354  Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (9/14/17 Passed by House; 7/18/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/12/17 Passed by Subcommittee)
CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT
H.R. 2353 Sponsor: Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA)
Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (6/22/17 Passed House of Representatives; 6/7/17 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)

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