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Monday, November 13, 2017
Senate Finance Committee Mark Up of the Tax Cuts and Job Act (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Finance Committee will mark up the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m.; Dirksen SOB. Watch it here.
Contact: Contact Finance Committee at 202.224.4515 re: hearing room location.

Tuesday, November 14, 2017
House Oversight Subcommittee Hearing on Regulatory Reform (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The House Oversight Health Care and Intergovernmental Affairs subcommittees will hold a joint hearing on “Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check-In: Part Two,” featuring updates from the Departments of Agriculture, Education, and Health and Human Services (HHS).
Participants: Rebeckah Adcock, senior advisor in the Office of the Agriculture Secretary; Robert Eitel, senior counselor in the Office of the Education Secretary; and Charles Keckler, associate deputy HHS Secretary.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2154 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.5074.

Innovative Partnerships in K-12 Engineering Education (E&S, H)
Subject: Representative Joe Courtney (D-CT) will host an event to feature presentations on how Tufts and LEGO Education partner to train K-12 engineering educators, including demonstrations of robots used in classrooms.
Participants: Ethan Danahy, research assistant professor, Tufts Center for Engineering Education and Outreach; Merredith Portsmore, director, Tufts Center for Engineering Education and Outreach; Silver McDonald, general manager, LEGO Education North America; and Huijing Wu, teacher, Eliot Elementary School, Boston, MA.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m.; 121 Cannon HOB.

Contact: RSVP to eliana@lewis-burke.com.

Using Data to Get to and Through College (H)

Subject: Third Way will host the second of a three-part event series to explore the opportunities and limitations of using data about student outcomes to help get more people to and through college.

Participants: Dr. Bridget Burns, executive director, University Innovation Alliance; Dan Jason DeSousa, Ed.D., associate professor, Higher Education Leadership & Policy Studies, Howard University; and Dr. Gerardo de los Santos, senior fellow, Civitas Learning, former president and CEO, the League for Innovation in the Community College.

Time and Location: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Hall of States, 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Contact: RSVP Here.

Senate Commerce Committee hearing on Tech in Agriculture (H)

Subject: The Senate Commerce Consumer Protection Subcommittee holds a hearing on “Technology in Agriculture: Data-Driven Farming.”

Participants: Shannon Ferrell, associate professor at Oklahoma State University; Todd Janzen, president of Janzen Agricultural Law, LLC; Justin Knopf, vice president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers; and Jason Tatge, co-founder and CEO of Farmobile.

Time and Location: 2:30 p.m.; 253 Russell SOB.

Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.1251.

 Millennials in Ed Reform (E&S, H)

Subject: The Thomas B. Fordham Institute and the Walton Family Foundation will host an event to discuss the future of education reform with several millennials who are already prominent in the field. The preferences, opinions, and predilections of millennials have already reshaped American office culture, news consumption, and taxi-hailing. But what (if anything) do their opinions portend for education and education reform?

Participants: Alyssa Schwenk, director, External Relations, Thomas B. Fordham Institute; Kristin Soltis Anderson, co-founder, Echelon Insights; Lea Crusey, founder, Allies for Educational Equity; Mendell Grinter, executive director, Campaign for School Equity; and David Murray, school board member, Prince George’s County, District 1.

Time and Location: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Thomas B. Fordham Institute, 1016 16th Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, D.C.

Contact: RSVP Here.

University Innovation & Entrepreneurship Showcase (H)

Subject: The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and the Association of American Universities, in partnership with the National Academy of Inventors and VentureWell, will host an inaugural exhibition and reception featuring startups from across the country that grew out of federally-funded university research and are fueling the innovation economy. This event will highlight the significant role federally-funded university research plays in fueling entrepreneurship, innovation and impact across the nation.

Time and Location: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Foyer, Rayburn HOB.

Contact: RSVP to showcaseRSVP@aplu.org.

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Tech Apprenticeships (E&S, H)

Subject: The Cybersecurity Initiative and the Center on Education and Skills at New America will host an event to explore the opportunities and challenges of developing high-quality apprenticeships in rapidly evolving fields like cybersecurity.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; New America, 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, D.C.

Contact: RSVP Here.
Improving Career and Technical Education in High Schools and Community Colleges (E&S, H)

Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event to discuss reforming career and technical education in high schools and community colleges.

Participants: John P. Bailey, AEI; Albert Cheng, Harvard University; Gary Hoachlander, ConnectEd California; Nancy Hoffman, Jobs for the Future and Harvard Graduate School of Education; Tamar Jacoby, Opportunity America; Diane Jones, Urban Institute; Nat Malkus, AEI; Scott Ralls, Northern Virginia Community College; Mark Schneider, American Institutes for Research and AEI; Andy Smarick, AEI; and Van Ton-Quinlivan, California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; AEI, Auditorium, 1789 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

Contact: RSVP Here.

Nature Research and Scientific American Science Meets Congress Breakfast (H)

Subject: The House Energy and Commerce Committee will host the first inaugural Nature Research and Scientific American Science Meets Congress Breakfast event to highlight how advances in research help foster energy security and economic growth. A panel of experts will address questions such as how best to successfully commercialize federally funded research and what the inflection points are for success.

Participants: Eric Rohlfing, ARPA-e; Rosemarie Truman, founder and CEO, Center for Advancing Innovation; Francis Martin O’Sullivan, Energy Institute, MIT; and Mariette DiChristina, editor in chief, Scientific American.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; 2043 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: For inquiries, contact Teresa.Frison@mail.house.gov.

House Science Committee Markup (E&S, H)

Subject: The House Science Committee will hold a markup of several bills, including: the STEM Research and Education Effectiveness and Transparency Act; the Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act; the Women in Aerospace Education Act; the Building Blocks of STEM Act; and others.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.

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

House Education and Workforce Hearing on Labor Department Policy and Priorities (E&S, H)

Subject: The House Education and Workforce Committee will hold a hearing on “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Labor.”

Participant: Alexander Acosta, Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor.

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

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

Veterans in STEM: Innovations in Recruiting Those Who Serve (H)

Subject: The STEM Education Coalition and the Student Veterans of America will host an event to address what steps Congress, business, and education organizations can take to get more of the talent, skills, and leadership of the veteran community into the high-paying, high-need STEM fields.

Participants: Lindsey Gardner, director of external affairs, STEM Education Coalition (Moderator); Barrett Bogue, vice president for public relations & chapter engagement, Student Veterans of America; Dr. Ashok Agrawal, director, External Affairs, American Society for Engineering Education; John Decoteau, vice president of veterans’ affairs, Universal Technical Institute; and Gardner Carrick, vice president of strategic initiatives, The Manufacturing Institute.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; 2325 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: RSVP Here.

Senate HELP Committee Hearing on Various Nominations (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a hearing on nominees to the Education Department, including Mick Zais to be Deputy Secretary and Jim Blew to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

Time and Location: 2:30 p.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.
Celebration of 150th Anniversary of the National Center for Education Statistics (E&S, H, D)

**Subject:** The American Educational Research Association, the American Statistical Association and the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics will host an event to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the National Center for Education Statistics.

**Participants:** Representative Paul Mitchell (R-MI); Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR); Felice J. Levin, American Educational Research Association; Peggy Carr, National Center for Education Statistics; Jack Buckley, American Institutes for Research; Larry Hedges, Northwestern University; and Bridget Terry Long, Harvard Graduate School of Education.

**Time and Location:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB. Reception will be held from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; 562 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** RSVP [Here](#).

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

**Educational Experiences for Girls and Young Women (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** New America and the Washington Area Women’s Foundation will host a discussion on the impact of harsh disciplinary practices on the educational experiences and outcomes of young women and girls of color.

**Participants:** Shamarla McCoy, education policy director, Advocates for Children and Youth; Ameisha Cross, director, Policy and External Relations, National Black Child Development Institute; and Rebecca Epstein, executive director, Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; New America, 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP [Here](#).

**The Past, Present, and Future of Democratic Education in America (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings will host an event to explore the history and purpose of public education with a focus on the defining features of democratic education—promoting equality, nurturing human beings, preparing citizens, and fostering civic solidarity.

**Participants:** William A. Galston, Ezra K. Zilkha Chair, senior fellow, Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution; Johann Neem, senior fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, professor, Western Washington University; Julie Reuben, professor, Harvard University; Alex Hernandez, partner, Charter School Growth Fund; and Gerard Robinson, resident fellow, Education Policy Studies, AEI.

**Time and Location:** 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Brookings Institution, Saul/Zilkha Room, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP [Here](#).

**Friday, November 17, 2017**

**Teacher Leadership and Career Development (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The National Center for Excellence in Education (NCEE) will host the final part of the Empowered Educators webinar series based on the landmark international comparative study led by Linda Darling-Hammond and will feature a panel discussion on teacher quality in Singapore and Australia.

**Participants:** Marc Tucker, president, NCEE; Ee-ling Low, research team; and Ann McIntyre, research team.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Contact:** RSVP [Here](#).

**AERA/IEL Education Policy Forum Luncheon (H)**

**Subject:** The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) and the American Educational Research Association (AERA) will host a discussion on “The Networked University: Building Alliances for Innovation in Higher Education,” a new report that highlights the pioneers of this new type of alliance – collaborations between universities – and lays out a path for institutions to begin building their own Networked Universities.


**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; IEL, 4301 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 100, Washington D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP [Here](#).
Future Hearings and Events

Friday, December 1, 2017

Learning for Careers: The Pathways to Prosperity Network (E&S, H)

Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum will host a forum to explore insights about how two education institutions and the employer community came together to create meaningful career pathways that cut across secondary and postsecondary education and are linked to growth areas in the state’s economy.

Participants: Dr. Susan Bunting, secretary of education, Delaware; Dr. Mark Brainard, president, Delaware Technical Community College; Nancy Hoffman, senior advisor, Jobs for the Future; Gary Stockbridge, president, Delmarva Power Region for Exelon Corporation; and Robert Schwartz, senior research fellow, Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Location TBD.

Contact: RSVP Here.

Monday, December 4, 2017

Social and Emotional Learning for Traditionally Underserved Populations (E&S, D)

Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum will hold a webinar to discuss the importance of social emotional learning (SEL) for three traditionally underserved groups: students with disabilities, English language learners, and youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

Participants: Logan Beyer, American Youth Policy Forum, author, “Social and Emotional Learning and Traditionally Underserved Populations”; Dr. David Lichtenstein, psychologist and classroom team leader, Bradley Schools, Providence, RI; Dr. Sara Castro-Olivo, associate professor of educational psychology, Texas A&M University; Melissa Svigelj-Smith, teacher, Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center, Ohio; and Jennifer Brown Lerner, assistant director for policy and partnerships, National Commission on Social, Emotional, and Academic Development, the Aspen Institute.

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: RSVP Here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Votes on various nominations.

House Floor:
H.R. 1 – Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
H.R. 2874 – 21st Century Flood Reform Act
H.Res. 599 – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to United States policy towards Yemen, and for other purposes.

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)

Budget Resolutions
FY 2018 House Budget Resolution (10/5/17 Passed by House of Representatives; 7/19/17 Passed by Budget Committee)

S.Con.Res.25  Sponsor: Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY)
FY 2018 Senate Budget Resolution (10/19/2017 Passed by Senate; 10/5/2017 Passed by Budget Committee)

Appropriations Bills
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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