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This Week in Washington

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 30, 2015
None.

Tuesday, December 1, 2015
Distribution of Student Debt
Subject: The Center for American Progress (CAP) will hold an event, “Exploring the Geography of Student Debt: How States and Municipalities Can Act.”
Participants: Maggie Thompson, campaign manager, Higher Ed Not Debt; Kavya Vaghul, research analyst, Washington Center for Equitable Growth; Subira Gordon, legislative analyst, Connecticut African-American Affairs Commission; Natalie Higgins, executive director, Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts; Tom Israel, executive director, Montgomery County Education Association; Whitney Barkley, legislative policy counsel, Center for Responsible Lending; and Rohit Chopra, senior fellow, CAP.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Balanced Budget Amendment Constitutional Convention National Partners Meeting
Subject: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) will hold an event, “BBA/ConCon National Partners Meeting,” to discuss opposition strategies to the potential convening of a constitutional convention regarding a balanced budget amendment.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 1201 16th Street, NW, NEA Auditorium, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to arugoff@cbpp.org.
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
None.

Thursday, December 3, 2015
Global Learning
Subject: P21 will hold a webinar, “Get Ahead with Global Learning,” to discuss how “going global” can be a successful school turnaround strategy and promote 21st century learning.
Participants: Dr. Helen Soulé, executive director, P21; Emily Liebtag, manager of curriculum and instructional design, VIF International Education; and Sharon Harper, principal, Hopewell Elementary School, Trinity, NC.
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, December 4, 2015
None.

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Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, December 16, 2015
Education Stakeholder Forum (E&S, H)
Subject: The Department of Education National Engagement Team will hold an Education Stakeholder Forum.
Participants: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education; and John King, Deputy Secretary of Education.
Time and Location: 2:30 p.m.; 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ Building, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to EDStakeholder@ed.gov.

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Senate Floor:
TBD

House Floor:
Consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 5 – Student Success Act

S.J.Res. 23 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”
S.J.Res. 24 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”

Possible Consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 22 – Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015

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Bills to Watch

APPROPRIATIONS

Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016 (9/30/15 Signed by President)
This measure is the vehicle for FY2016 continuing appropriations (through December 11, 2015).

H.R.2578  Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)
5/20/2015 Passed Appropriations Committee; 5/14/2015 Passed Subcommittee)

S. #  Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)
Committee; 6/10/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

H.R.2822  Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
Interior and the Environment Appropriations Act of FY2016 (6/16/2015 Passed by
Appropriations Committee; 6/9/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

S. 1645  Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Interior and the Environment Appropriations Act of FY2016 (6/18/2015 Passed by
Appropriations Committee; 6/16/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

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)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2016 (6/25/15
Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/23/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

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)

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)

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT (HEA)

H.R. 3594  Sponsor: Rep. Mike Bishop (R-MI)
Higher Education Extension Act of 2015 (9/28/2015 Passed by House)

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)

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

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