

Legislative Updates of interest for Higher Education: Week of Feb. 29 – Mar. 4, 2016

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In the House

- House Education and Public Works Higher Education Subcommittee rescheduled anticipated meetings on [H.4833](#), Higher Education Governance Act, and [H.4521](#), Tucker Hipps Transparency Act. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet during the afternoon on March 8 to continue deliberating H.4833 and on the morning of March 9 on H.4521. For information relating to an ad hoc committee to study higher education governance and which referred H.4833 to the higher education committee for consideration, [Click Here](#). To access the House meeting schedule, [Click Here](#).
- [H.4940](#) relating to State Department of Education Office of Transformation and [H.4941](#) relating to the State Department of Education and a statewide program for identifying fiscal practices and budgetary conditions of K-12 schools were passed by the House and sent to the Senate for consideration.

In the Senate

- [H.4639](#) relating to State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement was amended (committee amendment adopted) and passed by Senate on Thursday.
- [H.3534](#) relating to the Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program and eligible institutions was given second reading by the Senate on Tuesday after adopting the committee amendment. This bill if enacted would enable Clinton College to be an eligible participant and also would codify Columbia College and Converse College which have been eligible by proviso as eligible institutions.

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