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Education

- [Great Teachers & Principals Act \(S.1052](#) ^[3] [and H.R. 2196](#) ^[4])
- Higher Education Act: Congress is preparing to reauthorize the Higher Ed Act. Although the House and Senate have not yet dropped their bills, they have been holding hearings on issues of concern which we expect to be highlighted within the reauthorization legislation.

House Hearings:

December 3, 2013: [**"Keeping College Within Reach: Strengthening Pell Grants for Future Generations"**](#) ^[5]

November 13, 2013: [**"Keeping College Within Reach: Simplifying Federal Student Aid"**](#) ^[6]

September 18, 2013: [**"Keeping College Within Reach: Improving Access and Affordability through Innovative Partnerships"**](#) ^[7]

September 11, 2013: [**"Keeping College Within Reach: Supporting Higher Education Opportunities for America's Servicemembers and Veterans"**](#) ^[8]

July 9, 2013: [**"Keeping College Within Reach: Improving Higher Education through Innovation"**](#) ^[9]

June 13, 2013: [**"Keeping College Within Reach: Discussing Program Quality through Accreditation"**](#) ^[10]

April 24, 2013: [**"Keeping College Within Reach: Enhancing Transparency for Students, Families and Taxpayers?"**](#)

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April 16, 2013: "Keeping College Within Reach: The Role of Federal Student Aid Programs" [12]

March 13, 2013: "Keeping College Within Reach: Examining Opportunities to Strengthen Federal Student Loan Programs" [13]

Financial Aid/College Affordability

- Smarter Borrowing Act (S.546 [14])
- College Affordability and Innovation Act (S.1969 [15])

Innovation

- Innovation Act (H.R. 3309 [16])

Medicare and Medicaid

- Medicare Physician Payment Innovation Act (H.R. 574 [17])

Research

- Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science, and Technology (FIRST) Act (not officially dropped yet)
- Grant Reform and New Transparency (GRANT) Act (H.R. 3316 [18])

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