

February 2008 Monthly Legislative Tracking Report

Bill Number	Title/Subject	Purpose	Current Status
<i>B17-197 DC Council</i>	<i>Paid Sick and Safe Days Act of 2007</i>	To provide employees with paid leave for illness and absences associated with domestic violence or sexual abuse.	<i>2nd reading scheduled March 4th.</i>
<i>B17-0042 DC Council</i>	<i>Nursing, Social Work, and Allied Health Care Professional Recruitment Act of 2007</i>	To provide financial assistance to Nursing, Social Work and Allied Health students at UDC in return for 5 service obligation.	<i>In Committee on Health. Next action should be Comm. Markup/no action</i>
<i>H.R. 2419 Congress</i>	<i>Farm, Nutrition and BioEnergy Act of 2007</i>	Provides UDC with 3 million in funding for the AES/ 50% match waiver for Expanded Food Nutrition and Education program.	<i>Senate Conferees appointed Feb. 4th Senate Chamber: sec.7217/1447A</i>
<i>H.R. 4137 Congress</i>	<i>College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007</i>	<p>Some of the relevant provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends the Higher Education Act of 1965 • Allows students to receive year-round Pell Grant scholarships; • Streamlines the federal student financial aid application process; • Strengthens provisions previously approved by the House to avoid conflicts of interest in the student loan programs; • Makes textbook costs more manageable for students by, among other things, helping them plan for textbook expenses in advance of each semester; • Strengthens college readiness and support programs for minority and low-income students; • Increases college aid and support programs for veterans and military families; • Ensures equal college opportunities and fair learning environments for students with disabilities; • Improves safety on college campuses and help schools recover and rebuild after a disaster. 	<i>Passed House Feb. 7th 354 - 58 Referred to Senate Comm.. on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on Feb.25th</i>
<i>FY 2009 Federal Budget White House</i>	<i>Perkins Loan Program</i>	<i>The Bush budget proposes funding Pell increases by cutting the Perkins Loan Program and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, which support low-income students. Congress opted to keep those programs last year.</i>	