

March 2008 Monthly Legislative Tracking Report

Bill Number	Title/Subject	Purpose	Current Status
B17-197 DC Council	<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>Passed 2nd Mar. 4th final reading -submitted to Mayor</i>
B17-0042 DC Council	<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>Referred to Committee on Health on 1-24-08. Next action should be Comm. Markup/no action</i>
H.R. 2419 Congress	<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>11 Senate Conferees appointed Feb. 4th Senate Chamber: sec.7217/1447A/ support letter sent to Norton.</i>
H.R. 4137 Congress	<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. Chair. Kennedy /S.1642 is senate version. Support letter drafted to Norton to share with chair: inclusion of UDC law school as HBGI for federal grants.</i>
Budget Resolution FY 2009 Federal Budget White House S.Con. Res 70 H.Con Res 312	Perkins Loan Program	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>FY 09 Federal budget proposal released Feb. 4, 2008</i>
Bill 17-0658 D.C. Council Co-sponsors -10	<i>UDC Campus Plan for Facilities Modernization Act of 2008</i>	The bill would require a Campus Plan within 120 days of enactment for modernizing the campus and building a new David A. Clarke Law School.	<i>Referred to Committee of the Whole on 3-4-08. Chair Gray. Corrective language submitted to CM Brown</i>

