

## May 2008 Monthly Legislative Tracking Report

<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Title/Subject</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
<b>B17-197</b> 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>Became law (L17-0152) on May 13, 2008</i>
<b>B17-0042</b> 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>
<b>H.R. 2419</b> 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>The House and Senate passed <a href="#">H.R. 2419</a> over veto, enacting 14 of 15 farm bill titles into law. On 5/22/2008 the House passed <a href="#">H.R. 6124</a>, a new bill containing 15 farm bill titles. Congress returns to Washington following a week-long recess for Memorial Day. The first item on the Senate's agenda will be fixing the Farm Bill. Title Three of the bill, which covers trade, was left out of the bill sent to the President. President Bush vetoed the bill before the mishap was discovered and both the House and Senate overrode that veto overwhelmingly, making 14 of 15 farm bill titles law. However to make sure the entire bill is enacted, a new, complete bill will likely be passed by both chambers and sent to Bush for yet another veto. The House started this process before the recess with passage of H.R. 6124, which includes all the farm bill language. The Senate will take up the bill this week.</i>
<b>H.R. 4137</b> Congress	<i>College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007 (H.R. 4137, S. 1642), better known as the Higher Education Reauthorization bill.</i>	Some of the relevant provisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends the Higher Education Act of 1965</li> <li>• Allows students to receive year-round Pell Grant scholarships;</li> <li>• Streamlines the federal student financial aid application process;</li> <li>• Strengthens college readiness and support programs for minority and low-income students;</li> <li>• Increases college aid and support programs for veterans and military families;</li> <li>• Ensures equal college opportunities and fair learning environments for students with disabilities;</li> <li>• Increase from \$300 million to \$500 million in the authorization levels for HBCUs, and increase from \$100 million to \$125 million for historically black graduate institutions</li> </ul>	<i>This bill passed in the House on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 354 – 58 . Referred to Senate Comm.. on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on Feb.25<sup>th</sup>. 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. House report 110-500 published.</i>

<p>Budget Resolution FY 2009 Federal Budget White House <b>S.Con. Res 70/H.Con Res 312</b></p>	<p>Perkins Loan Program</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><i>FY 09 Federal budget proposal released Feb. 4, 2008. An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013. On May 12, 2008 Rule <a href="#">H. Res. 1214</a> passed House.</i></p>
<p><b>Bill 17-0658</b> D.C. Council Co-sponsors -10</p>	<p>UDC Campus Plan for Facilities Modernization Act of 2008</p>	<p><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></p>	<p><i>Referred to Committee of the Whole on 3-4-08. Chair Gray. Corrective drafting language submitted to CM Brown.</i></p>
<p><b>Bill 17-0725,</b> Introduced by Graham, co-sponsored by Mendelson.</p>	<p><i>"District Department of Transportation Clean Air Compliance Fee Act of 2008".</i></p>	<p>The bill would assess a fee on untaxed parking spaces in the District to comply with the emissions requirements of the Clean Air Act by establishing a clean air fee at the rate of \$25 per month per space on certain off-street employment parking spaces, and directing the fee to the District Department of Transportation Unified Fund in order to fund transportation projects that will help the District meet national ambient air quality standards.</p>	<p><i>Referred to the Committee on Public Works and the Environment</i></p>