

October 2008 Monthly Legislative Tracking Report

Bill Number	Title/Subject	Purpose	Current Status
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. 4137 Congress	<i>College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007 (H.R. 4137, S. 1642), better known as the Higher Education Reauthorization bill.</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 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; • 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 	<i>The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) was enacted on August 14, 2008, and reauthorizes the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.</i>
Budget Resolution FY 2009 Federal Budget White House S.Con. Res 70 H.Con Res 312	Federal Budget	<p>Sets forth the congressional budget for the federal government for FY2009, including the appropriate budgetary levels for FY2008 and FY2010-FY2013.</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.</i></p> <p><i>June 9, 2008 - Council submitted the DC FY 2009 proposed budget and financial plan to Congress.</i></p> <p><i>A Continuing Resolution is in effect. The next meeting of the Senate is Oct 27, 2008; the House next meets Jan 3, 2009.</i></p>
Bill 17-0658 D.C. Council Co-sponsors -10	UDC Campus Plan for Facilities Modernization Act of 2008	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 drafting language submitted to CM Brown.</i>

<p>Bill 17-0725, Introduced by Graham, co-sponsored by Mendelson.</p>	<p>"District Department of Transportation Clean Air Compliance Fee Act of 2008".</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p><i>Referred to the Comm. on Public Works and the Environment . Public hearing held on June 25, 2008. Graham indicated he would query the Consortium requesting information from universities as to the number of employee parking spaces on their campuses not generating sales and use tax. He intends to draft a new bill as a result of the roundtable comments. In the new version, Graham could propose exempting lower income employees from the parking fee, as well as confining the spaces subject to the fee to the central business district.</i></p>
<p>*Bill 17 -0849 Introduced by Councilmember Barry</p>	<p>University of the District of Columbia Renaming Amendment Act of 2008."</p>	<p>To rename the University - District of Columbia State University</p>	<p><i>Referred to the Committee of the Whole</i></p>
<p>*PR17-0904 – Keating PR17-0905 - Simpson PR17-0906 - Lee PR17-0907 - Labor PR17-0908 - Gough PR17-0909 - Ellis Introduced by Chairman Gray at the request of the Mayor.</p>	<p>Nominees to UDC Board of Trustees</p>	<p><i>To name various individuals to the UDC Board of Trustees</i></p>	<p><i>Referred to the Committee of the Whole. PR17-0904 was withdrawn by the Mayor.</i></p>
<p>B17-1006-emergency B17-1007-temporary Introduced by Chairman Gray</p>	<p><i>The University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees Emergency Amendment Act of 2008</i></p>	<p><i>To allow a member of the UDC BOT to serve beyond the expiration of his or her term until a successor has been appointed and confirmed.</i></p>	<p><i>Emergency Act passed on October 21, 2008. Transmitted to Mayor. Temporary Act final reading on Nov. 18, 2008</i></p>
<p>B17-0027 Introduced by Councilmembers Schwartz, Barry, Brown</p>	<p><i>The Veterans Appreciation Scholarship Fund Establishment Act of 2007</i></p>	<p>United States Military personnel whose service began on or after September 11, 2001 and who are residents of the District of Columbia would be granted reimbursement of tuition and fees from a scholarship fund established within the general fund for courses at the University of the District of Columbia for a period of two years after their return from active duty.</p>	<p><i>Referred to Committee on Workforce Development and Government Operations, Chair Schwartz. Reported out of Comm.. to COW</i></p>
<p>Bill xx-xxxx</p>	<p><i>The University of the District of Columbia Self-Governance Amendment Act of 2008</i></p>	<p><i>To amend the District of Columbia Public Post-secondary Education Reorganization Act to provide budget, personnel, contracting and procurement and financial management autonomy to the University of the District of Columbia;</i></p>	<p><i>Not yet formally introduced by Mayor and/or Council Chair</i></p>

* introduced at Legislative meeting on July 1, 2008