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## OGSLP Legislative Update

### OGSLP Comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

OGSLP has been analyzing the impact of various proposals listed in the U.S. Department of Education's notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on student loans issued in the June 12, 2007 *Federal Register*. We have responded to the Department, providing comments and recommendations. [Click here](#) to view OGSLP's NPRM comments.

If you wish to access NPRM comments submitted to the Department by other individuals and/or organizations, use the following link and the instructions listed below: <http://www.regulations.gov>

- Click on "Education and Jobs" listed to the left
- Click on "Education" listed in the middle
- Click on ED-2007-OPE-0133 listed on the left
- Scroll to the right to the tab called "View" and click on the icon beneath it

Information about using Regulations.gov is available through the site's "User Tips" bar at the top.

### You Still Have Time to Comment on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

It's not too late to let your voice be heard by responding to the Department of Education. The NPRM provides for a 60-day comment period, which means the deadline date for comments is August 13, 2007. Submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or by postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please submit your comments only one time and include the Docket ID at the top of your comments (Docket ID ED-2007-OPE-0133). The Department is not accepting comments by fax or by e-mail. Use the following instructions to respond to the NPRM.

If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, address them to:

Ms. Gail McLarnon  
U.S. Department of Education  
1990 K Street, NW, Room 8026  
Washington, DC 20006-8542

If you want to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal, use the following link and instructions listed below: <http://www.regulations.gov>

- Click on "Education and Jobs" listed to the left
- Click on "Education" listed in the middle
- Scroll to the right to "Comments" & click on the icon above the date 8/13/2007
- Complete the "Requested Submitter Information" fields
- Click on "Next Step" button to view comments prior to submitting
- Click on the "Submit" button

## Washington Legislative Update

### President Signs Temporary HEA Extension

On July 31, the President signed S. 1868, approving a three-month temporary extension of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 until October 31, 2007. This is the second extension of the HEA passed this year. The First Higher Education Extension Act of 2007 (S. 1704) was signed into law on July 3, extending the HEA to July 31, 2007.

Given the new extension of the HEA and the expected legislative activity described below, it seems unlikely that final HEA activity will occur prior to the August recess. No legislation to reauthorize the HEA has been introduced in the House.

### Senate Reauthorization Bill (S. 1642) Update

On July 24, Senate lawmakers passed by a vote of 95 to 0 the Higher Education Amendments of 2007 ([S. 1642](#)). This legislation reauthorizes the Higher Education Act (HEA). The bill includes provisions pertaining to school codes of conduct, preferred lender lists, prohibited inducements, and school accreditations, and increases information institutions and lenders have to disclose to students about loans.

### House and Senate Action this Week

This week, lawmakers will be working on domestic issues and outstanding appropriations. The House will consider its final two appropriation measures, a \$459.6 billion FY08 Defense measure and a \$90.7 billion FY08 Agriculture measure. President Bush has threatened to veto the Defense funding measure due to the \$23 billion in funding sought over the amount requested in the Administration's FY08 budget. Senate lawmakers on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will review legislation that would provide the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) authority to regulate tobacco. Congress is scheduled to recess on August 6.

### Where Do You Go To Find Bill Information?

The best site for this information is the Library of Congress Legislative Information Web site, known as the [Thomas Web site](#). The [THOMAS](#) home page allows users to search bill text (the full text of legislation) for the current Congress by keywords or a bill number (e.g., S. 1762). If you know the number of the bill you are looking for, type it in the box, select "bill number," and click on the search button. You will be linked directly to the text of the bill, or if there is more than one version of the bill, to a list of the different bill versions. The most recent version of a bill is usually the last entry.

### OGSLP's Legislation Page & Contact Information

OGSLP will continue to keep you advised regarding these important legislative actions. This and other legislative information can be found on [OGSLP's Legislation Page](#). If you have questions, please contact Policy, Compliance, and Training at (405) 234-4432 or [pct@ogslp.org](mailto:pct@ogslp.org).

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