Federal Update

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Federal Update Overview

Reauthorization Update
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Background for this discussion

Budget
Re-election
Impeachment

Things are getting more political...
• Last reauthorized 2008
• Set to expire 2013, has been continuously extended
• Title IX is creating tension and parties can’t reach consensus
• Democrats want a “comprehensive” reauthorization
• Republicans want smaller “packages/bills” to present
• Reauthorization of the HEA has effectively stalled
• No movement is expected on a comprehensive bill this Congress
• House passed the Future Act – Title III Reauthorized
  • Funding for HBCU, MSI, Tribal institutions, etc.

• Senate blocked the Future Act and instead Senator Alexander is requesting consideration of smaller, bundled semi-reauthorization bill

• Congress has already proposed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the government open through November 21, 2019
  • Expect appropriations among the federal agencies to get reallocated, ED should get more funding
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• Impeachment Inquiry will only exacerbate and strain already tenuous relationships among legislators

• Inability to agree on Title IX will prevent a comprehensive reauthorization, and Democrats will not agree to reauthorization through multiple bills

• Election will (has already) take focus away from congressional priorities
  • Democrats will wait on reauthorization, until after the Presidential elections, so to not negotiate against themselves
  • Disagreement between congressional democrats and democratic candidates
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Federal Update October 2019 – Probable Outcomes

• No reauthorization until after the Presidential elections
• Not much movement from congress on any issue(s), as partisan tensions increase
  • Senate and House will continue to disagree and pressure each other
  • Could see attempts made to piece-meal reauthorization with small bills, but odds are low that anything will pass
• Extension of Title IV
• More congressional hearings
• Comments and Discussion
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