

Federal Update

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Things are getting more political...

Federal Update October 2019 – Reauthorization

- 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

Federal Update October 2019 – Current Activity

- 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

Federal Update October 2019 – External Complications

- 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

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

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- Comments and Discussion

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