#### **CECU** Career Education Colleges and Universities

#### **CAPPS Legislative Conference**

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#### **All Summer Vacations Cancelled!**





## **2018.** The Regulatory and Legislative Environment for the Future.





- 1. ACICS
- **2.** GE
- 3. BDR
- 4. HEA ?
- 5. Veterans Benefits
- 6. Audit Guide





## ACICS





# Judge Reggie B. Walton U.S. Court of District of Columbia March 23, 2018

- 2. June 12 Deadline gone!
- 3. PPPA gone!





## Gainful Employment (GE)



#### GE:

- 1. NPRM in June
- 2. 45 Days for Comments?
- 3. Final Rule by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>
- 4. Effective July 1, 2019





#### GE:

#### **Scope and Purpose:**

- "Education Program Disclosures and Certifications"
- All undergraduate programs funded by Title IV (PPPA)
- Debt/Earnings: (Federal Loans, 5<sup>th</sup> year of earnings, 10-15 year Amortization)
- Possible 2<sup>nd</sup> metric: Repayment Rates





GE:

- "Pass, Fail and Zone" gone!
- Replacement: "Meets Benchmarks" vs. "Don't meet Benchmarks."







#### • Sanctions:

- No denial of Title IV Access
- Limit Program expansion beyond 10 percent?
- Program Reviews?



## Borrower Defense to Repayment (BDR)





- A Federal Standard
- Beginning with loans dispersed July 1, 2019





#### **BDR:**

- Evidentiary Standard
- Preponderance of Evidence (delayed rule)
- Substantial Weight of the Evidence (middle ground)
- Clear and Convincing Evidence (highest standard)





#### Misrepresentation

 "Statement, act or omission.....to a borrower that is intentionally false or misleading or made with reckless disregard for the truth."



#### **BDR:**

- Process:
- Student must file petition stating basis for claim
- If accepted: 45 30 15
- Award calculated on both borrower's financial harm and education benefit





- Financial Responsibility:
- LOC's gone
- Triggers for Department action defined
- 6-year Transition for operating leases





#### • Dispute Resolution:

- Pre-dispute arbitration agreements restored
- School required to notify each student of process annually



# Higher Education Act (HEA)



#### HEA:

- HEA has become "America's Workforce Investment Strategy!"
- HEA was last reauthorized in 2008!



• The Alexander/Murray Relationship will determine outcomes.



**HEA:** 

- New Challenge: Access to Veterans
- 35 Veterans Organizations criticize Foxx Proposal!





#### Don't Forget "Regulatory Reform!"





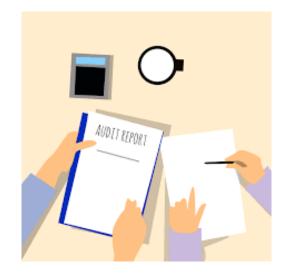
#### **Regulatory Reform:**

#### Look for the Department's Spring Regulatory Reform Agenda:

- State Authorization
- Definition of Credit Hour
- Distance Education "Regular and Substantive" interactions with students
- Accreditation



#### **Audit Guide**





#### **Audit Guide:**

- Meeting with Inspector General on Hill Day 2018
- Taking input for future revision of Audit Guide
- OIG Staff will make presentation at CECU 2018 Convention



#### **Cancelling your Summer Vacation!**





#### The Most Recent NPRM's:

- GE in 2014: 95,000 public comments
- BDR in 2016: 50,000 public comments

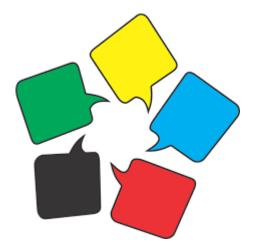




#### **Comments:**

# Assume 2/3 of those comments came from opponents of our sector!

- GE: 63,333 comments on GE!
- BDR: 33,333 comments on BDR!



#### 2016/2017 Proprietary Schools Awarded Title IV:

- 4-year: 514
- 2-year: 830
- Less than 2-year: <u>1,481</u> TOTAL: 2,825



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#### **This Means:**

# For us to match our Opponents we will need:

- 22 public comments/school on GE!
- 12 public comments/school on BDR!



#### Let me repeat that:

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- 22 public comments/school on GE!
- 12 public comments/school on BDR!



#### **California:**



#### There are 335 Proprietary Schools in California using Title IV.



#### This means:

#### We need:

- 7,370 public comments from
  - California on GE!
- 4,020 public comments from California on BDR!





#### **California:**

# Today, only 90 schools in California are members of CECU.

- We need **non-CECU members** to provide:
  - 1,980 comments on GE!
  - 1,080 comments on BDR!



### In Closing:

- 2018 will define the federal regulatory environment for years to come.
- Will you do your part?
- Please, no vacation until you have!



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## **Thank You!**

