

AACRAO Federal Relations Update

November 2022

Legislative Updates

- November Midterm Elections
 - Democrats could lose slim majority
- FY 2023 Budget – Biden’s Blueprint
 - Requests 15 percent boost to ED spending
 - \$2,175 increase to Pell Grant
 - \$752 million boost to low-resourced colleges
- Congress passes Continuing Resolution
- American Data Privacy and Protection Act (ADPPA)
 - Comprehensive federal data privacy bill would preempt most state laws.
 - Proposal includes a number of problematic provisions related to information regulated by FERPA. Stalled in committee.



Veterans & Service Member Issues

- Ensuring the Best Schools for Veterans Act
Address concerns from Dept. of VA's recent policy changes to the 85/15 rule
Clarifies the 35 percent exemption, restoring it to its original intent
Corrects the negative impacts of the new interpretation of what constitutes a "supported student" for 85/15 purposes



Veterans and Active Service Member Group

The group provides a digital forum where professionals can interact or request support on various veteran and active service member issues that impact institutions and students.

To join, please send an email indicating your interest to veterans+subscribe@aacrao.org.

Other Federal Updates

- FAFSA simplification implementation
- Biden's Student Loan Debt Relief Plan
 - \$10,000 for those earning less than \$125,000 with an additional \$10,000 for Pell Grant recipients
- Supreme Court Admissions Cases
 - Justices heard two cases involving the race-conscious admissions policies at Harvard and UNC Chapel Hill
- AACRAO Submits Amicus Brief
 - Informs the Court of the importance of continuing to allow admission professionals to holistically review all factors regarding applicants.



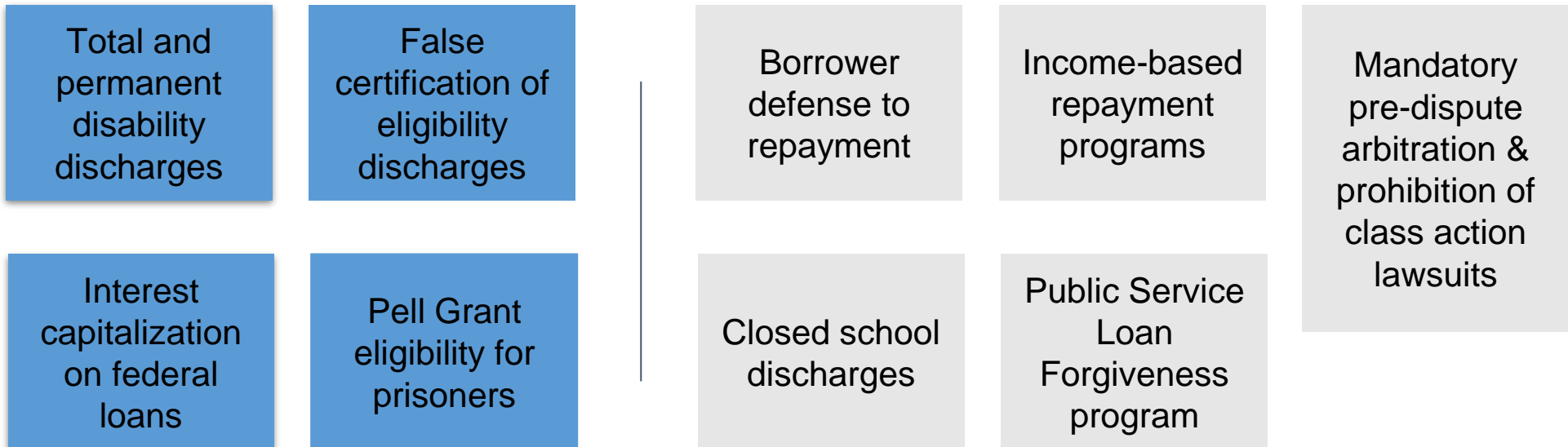
Regulatory Update

- Earlier this year, the Education Department wrapped up its negotiated rulemaking process on **institutional and programmatic eligibility**, reaching consensus on two of the seven regulatory proposals.



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- Education Department also concluded rulemaking on **affordability and student loan rules**, reaching consensus on four issues. The committee failed to agree on the remaining, more contentious plans.



Final/Proposed Rules

Borrower defense to repayment

Public Service Loan Forgiveness program

90/10 rule for for-profit colleges

Interest capitalization on federal loans

Total and permanent disability discharges

Closed school discharges

False certification of eligibility discharges

Income-based repayment programs

Pell Grant eligibility for prisoners

Change in ownership

Mandatory pre-dispute arbitration

Rules Delayed

Gainful employment

Financial responsibility

Standards of administrative capacity

Title IV certification procedures

Ability to benefit

AACRAO Advocacy Center

Features action alerts on current legislative issues, searchable directory for member's elected officials, and key federal legislative proposals with a state tracking option for engaging State & Regionals



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SUPPORT THE REVERSE
TRANSFER EFFICIENCY ACT



SUPPORT THE
DREAM ACT



END CONGRESSIONAL
WEB FORM PREFIXES

Other AACRAO Advocacy Resources



Federal Legislative Process and Advocacy 101

On-demand online course provides a breakdown of the federal legislative process; helpful insights on how to set up and prepare for meetings with your representatives; and tools to help State & Regionals engage with both state and federal issues.

AACRAO Compliance Corner

Mini-series of courses provide an overview of federal statutory and regulatory requirements that often fall under the purview of the registrar, admissions, or enrollment services offices. Topics include FERPA Basics, GDPR vs FERPA, Solomon Amendment, Clery Act Basics, Voter Registration, Constitution Day & Decennial Census.



Member Engagement



Public Policy Advisory Group

The group provides an essential practitioner perspective on emerging legislation and public policy matters, serving as a practical resource to AACRAO's Executive Director and staff as they craft responses to proposed legislation or regulation.



Advocacy Listserv

The listserv includes updates on calls to action as well as the monthly *Eye on Washington*, which provides a summary of key actions and public policy issues impacting AACRAO members.

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AACRAO Hill Day

Virtual Hill Day
July 20-22, 2022

Hill Day 2022
remained virtual due to
continued restrictions
on Capitol Hill

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