

# Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act Reaches New Phase

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# Higher Education Act (HEA) Overview

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- HEA Last Reauthorized in 2008
- Governs a Broad Array of Campus Life

## **Senate**

- Lamar Alexander (R-TN) – Committee Chair
- Patty Murray (D-WA) – Ranking Member

## **House of Representatives**

- Bobby Scott (D-VA) – Committee Chair
- Virginia Foxx (R-NC) – Ranking Member

# Will We Have a Reauthorization Bill?

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- Does It Happen?
  - Easier in House
  - Harder in Senate
- Does It Need to Happen?
  - Current law continues to apply in absence of reauthorization.
  - If HEA legislation isn't better than current law, we prefer no reauthorization.
  - Your engagement is critical.

# HEA Reauthorization – Key Issues to Watch

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- Sexual Assault
- Accreditation
- Free Public College
- Teacher Preparation
- Major-by-Major Student Aid Eligibility
- Institutional Risk-Sharing
- Spending on Instruction v. Marketing
- Nonprofit Governance Reform
- Cuts/Formula Changes to Student Aid Programs
- Unreasonable Loan Limits

# NAICU Resources

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- [Advocacy Tips and Tools](#)
  - [Talking Points—Home and Away](#)
  - Contact Congress and [Feedback Form](#)
- [Key Issues in HEA Reauthorization](#)
- [Student Aid Data Sheets](#)
- [Private College Fact File](#)
- [Issue Briefs](#)
- [Washington Update](#)

# What Are We Asking You to Do?

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- Identify key reauthorization issues for your institution.
- Arrange a meeting or call with your Representative and Senators.
- Tell your story!
- Report back to NAICU via our [feedback form](#).

# Contact Information

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