



To: New Jersey Institutions of Higher Education
From: New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
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Subject: Updates on Federal Actions Impacting NJ Institutions of Higher Education

Recent Federal Actions Regarding Higher Education

Forthcoming Public Comment Deadlines

Several forthcoming proposed rules impacting higher education are now available for review and have public comment deadlines approaching. These include:

- Department of Education, Proposed Rule on Public Service Loan Forgiveness: [Comments due by September 17](#)
- Department of Homeland Security, Proposed Duration of Status Rule: [Comments due by September 29](#)
- Department of Education, Proposed IPEDS Data Collection: [Comments due by October 14, 2025](#)

US Department of Education

US ED released a new press release confirming the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form will be available by the October 1 deadline. More information about FAFSA and the [press release](#) are available.

On September 10, US ED announced the Department is ending discretionary funding to several of the agency's Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) grant programs. Details about their actions are available in their [press release](#).

New Jersey Updates

Attorney General Platkin Secures Preliminary Injunction Preserving Access to Key Social Services

On September 10, 2025, NJ Attorney General Platkin secured a preliminary injunction blocking new rules under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). Programs under this act cover public health, education and anti-poverty programs, including Head Start, food banks, adult education, career and technical education and more. As a result, these new directives are halted currently in the plaintiff states. For the full press release,

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Request for Updates on Federal Impact, if Applicable

In addition, the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education is continuing to compile questions and information about any institutions who are experiencing issues with federal funding or other impacts due to federal action. Please submit a brief summary of issues to Stefani.Thachik@oshe.nj.gov if applicable to your institution. Updates and resources regarding federal actions continue to be provided on the [NJ OSHE website](#).

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