



To: NJ Institutions of Higher Education
From: NJ 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

Executive Orders

On July 24, 2025, Executive Order (EO) “[Saving College Sports](#)” was signed. The EO asks Federal Agencies to develop plans or other appropriate actions to advance policies within the EO regarding protecting and expanding women’s and non-revenue sports and prohibiting third-party pay-for-play payments. The State, along with OSHE, will continue to monitor the implications of the federal action on higher education in New Jersey. Institutions should continue to monitor for updates and guidance as the situation evolves.

Forthcoming Negotiated Rulemaking Announced

The U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Postsecondary Education will hold two negotiated rulemaking sessions on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA, P.L. 119-21). More information regarding the public hearing and submission of public comments is available in their [press release](#).

Upcoming Deadline (8/13/2025): Transition Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities into Higher Education

Applications for new awards for the the US ED FY2025 Model Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities Program (TPSID) must be submitted by August 13, 2025. The [announcement notice](#) includes details on the funding summary, award information, eligibility, and application submission.

US ED Releases New ‘Dear Colleague Letter’

In response to the higher education provisions in OBBBA, US ED released a new ‘Dear Colleague Letter’ (DCL) on July 18, 2025. The letter focuses on Federal Student Aid Title IV programs, including: income based repayment, Parent PLUS Loan repayment, loan limits for part-time students, Public Service Loan Forgiveness, Borrower Defense to Repayment

Regulations and Closed School Loan Discharge Regulations. The DCL is [available here](#). The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) has shared their [summary](#) as an external resource.

New Jersey Updates

Attorney General Platkin Releases Statement on Agreement to Temporarily Pause Federal Restrictions on Public Benefit Programs

On July 25, 2025, NJ Attorney General Platkin released a statement after the federal government agreed to temporarily pause implementation of new restrictions on access to public benefits program (PRWORA) until at least September 3, 2025. His full statement is [available here](#).

Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order to Review Impacts of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

On July, 23, 2025, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 393, directing State agencies to immediately evaluate the impact of the OBBBA on state agency budgets, operations, and programs. More information is available in the [press release](#) and [copy of EO 393](#).

Request for Updates on Federal Impact, if Applicable

In addition, the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education is continuing to compile information about any institutions who are experiencing issues with frozen federal funding, canceled federal contracts, 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](#).