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Federal updates

Guide to HEA reauthorization debuts on *TG Online*

The numerous issues associated with reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) are constantly changing. Do you need help keeping up? Let TG be your guide — visit our new reauthorization site on *TG Online* at www.tgslc.org/reauth/index.cfm.

As a service to our customers and to the financial aid community at large, TG has assembled a variety of reauthorization resources all in one location. Included on the page are:

- Reauthorization proposals from across the financial aid and higher education communities.
- Helpful background resources and links.
- A list of key legislative dates.
- TG’s Legislative Fact Sheets.

In addition, the site features TG’s reauthorization comments, delivered to the Department of Education on February 28, 2003.

Don’t forget to check back regularly — TG will be monitoring the entire reauthorization process and providing updates as new materials and new information become available.

More information

For more information detailing the development of this HEA reauthorization, see previously published articles in *Shoptalk Online* Editions 154 and 189.

For questions regarding reauthorization, contact George Torres, assistant vice president for governmental relations, at george.torres@tgslc.org.

TG updates

“FFELP: Live in Concert!” ready to play to sellout crowd

This week, more than 500 financial aid administrators and other student loan professionals are converging on Austin for the 2003 TG Annual Conference — “FFELP: Live in Concert!” At a time when travel budgets are tight and conference attendance is down across the industry, TG is delighted and gratified that so many customers and business partners have chosen to spend a few days with us.

Attendees can expect a conference that is informative, enriching, and entertaining. “TG’s conference is a unique, energizing event for our customers,” says Vickie Tanner, assistant vice president for customer services. “We hear from them that they can’t wait for the event! We try very hard to provide a good mix of valuable information, presented in an energetic and often entertaining way, with invaluable opportunities for our customers to network and share and to just enjoy the camaraderie of our industry.”

Sharing best practices will be a major part of this year’s conference, as it was in 2002. TG will spotlight examples of teamwork, partnership, and collaboration in the financial aid and student loan communities. “Our hope is that having financial aid individuals and institutions share their stories will be the impetus to energize others in the industry to take action and to create their own success stories,” says Tanner.

Comprehensive details on conference sessions and events are available on *TG Online* at www.tgslc.org/tgconference/index.cfm.

TG posts military mobilization information for students, borrowers

Students and borrowers who are called to active duty or reassigned as a result of the ongoing military mobilization have a lot more important things to do than search around for information about how this change will affect their student loans. That is why TG has created a Web page that offers — in one location — guidance for affected students and borrowers, no matter what their specific circumstances.

This military mobilization page, available on *TG Online* at www.tgslc.org/resources/military.cfm, summarizes the guidance provided by ED in the recently released Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) GEN-03-06, but is written with the student/borrower perspective in mind. TG hopes that affected borrowers and their families will find the guidance provided on the page helpful in this transitional time in their lives.

More information

For more information on ED’s military mobilization guidance from DCL GEN-03-06, see *Shoptalk Online* Edition 198.

Legislative update

The April 15, 2003, issue of the *Legislative Report* provides updates on the budget resolution and wartime supplemental recently passed by Congress, and the projected effect of the supplemental on the nation's deficit. Also provided are updates on bills related to student financial aid, tuition, and fees being considered by Congress and the 78th Texas Legislature. Read the full report at www.tgslc.org/lege_report/index.cfm.

This, that, and the other...

Music is in the air for financial aid professionals these days. TG's conference this week has a musical theme, "FFELP: Live in Concert!" Even the feds are getting in on the act. In what seems like a new twist on Schoolhouse Rock, ED recently posted an audio file with a rap about verification on its IFAP Web site at www.ifap.ed.gov/presentations/02EACGenSessVerifiRap.html.

The verification rap was originally featured in a general session at ED's Electronic Access Conference late last year. Props to the rap's author, Erik Melis of George Mason University, for the clever rhymes. And props to ED for sharing the audio file and lyric sheet with those of us who were unable to catch it live.



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