

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

THEIR IMPACT ON PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF

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PBSN - Secretary

HAVE YOU
HEARD
THESE
TERMS?

Pell Grant

Transfer
Credit

FEEL
and DL
Financial
Aid

Graduation
Rates

The Higher Education Opportunity
Act -- H.R. 4137 -- Higher
Education Act (HEA)

What does all this mean to us and
our institutions?

H.R. 4137
PASSED

BY
CONGRESS

*So What
Does This
Mean To
Me*

❖ Latest Action In
Washington

❖ President George W.
Bush signed H.R. 4137,
the Higher Education
Opportunity Act, into
law.

Congress has authorized the
Higher Education Act programs
for the next six years.

FOR THE FULL TEXT GO TO
<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Do you have
an Institutional
Research
person on
staff??

You may want
to Think about
finding one.

New
reports
to justify
tuition
costs.

Making it
possible
for families
to
calculate
future
tuition
costs

The Act also calls for the creation of a new College Navigator web site.

This will be a score card for all 2 & 4 Year institutions. One will be able to compare colleges against each other. You will see what is offered and costs you will encounter.

You will also be able to compare graduation rates and job placement rates.

Textbook purchases will have new regulations also. This change affects your book publishers and bookstores.

Security and accountability is another area that will change. Web courses will need new safeguards in place. Documentation will be used to ensure the person completing the work is actually the person enrolled in the course.

Institutions that fall into certain categories must submit reports to the secretary of education.

One year after enactment, institutions must make available on their web sites a “Net Price Calculator”

After one year develop a “Multi-Year Tuition Calculator”

Now are you think about an Institutional Research Person?

These changes and challenges will not happen overnight. They are going to take time and effort. The scope of our job may change with additional report tracking.

If you are one of the lucky ones and someone else will have the joy of keeping up with all the new stuff, at least you want to know what everyone is talking about.



We may not always know the lingo or know why Legislators make certain decisions.

By attending the conferences we will always know what is going on and how it will affect us.



REMEMBER

The ACCT Legislative Summit provides the opportunity to learn what Bills the House and Senate are working to pass and how they will affect our institutions.

Thank you for taking time this
afternoon out of your busy schedule to
join us.

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What are the Top Reasons for PBSN to attend ACCT's Congress ????

Professional Development – Learn from the ones working in the trenches.

Learn from others within your job functions – compare applications and processes.

Obtain information on new laws and regulations which might affect your institution.

Share information and ideas. This is one of the best reasons.

The ability to ask questions and find easier ways of doing your job.

Gain a better understanding of Board of Trustees and Governance Policies.