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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ENTERS SECOND PHASE OF HIGHER EDUCATION REGULATIONS STUDY

The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance will move beyond Title IV regulations and begin to examine the impact of *all* federal regulations within the *Higher Education Act* as a second phase of the congressionally mandated *Higher Education Regulations Study*. In the interest of providing Congress with an inclusive and complete analysis of higher education regulations, the entire higher education community is strongly encouraged to provide the Committee with specific examples, suggestions, and/or comments regarding regulations that are duplicative, no longer necessary, or inconsistent with other federal requirements. Specifically, the Advisory Committee seeks to quantify the level of burden placed on institutions by such regulations. Members of the community may contact the Advisory Committee staff directly by telephone (202-219-2099) or through the Committee's public comment [webpage](#).

Since April 2009, the Advisory Committee has made significant progress on the *Higher Education Regulations Study*. Through the support of the higher education community, the Committee has identified a preliminary set of burdensome Title IV-related regulations. The Committee will continue to work with its Title IV review panel to further analyze and quantify the burden of the regulations so identified. The following lists key points of progress relative to the study:

- Convened a review panel to provide recommendations with respect to streamlining Title IV regulations on April 9, 2009 in Washington DC. The review panel discussed the development of the public comment website, an outreach strategy, and the scope of the study.
- Established the [Higher Education Regulations Study Website](#), devoted to collecting information on regulations from the higher education community.
- NASFAA, NACUBO, AAU, and Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation submitted comments and analysis on burdensome regulations.
- Review panelists organized conference calls with financial aid administrators, state grant agency representatives, and institutional researchers to discuss the impact of burdensome regulations and reporting requirements.
- Website received more than 90 comments, and initial analysis has established a preliminary set of burdensome regulations.

In spring 2010, the Advisory Committee will hold a meeting, during which a session will be devoted to interested parties who wish to submit testimony on any burdensome regulations affecting higher education. Specific information about the meeting and how to participate will be available at a later date. The Committee will also establish a second regulatory review panel to aid with the study's final recommendations.

The Advisory Committee encourages on-going contributions from the public and associations on regulations that are burdensome and that may require regulatory streamlining. The Committee is required to provide a comprehensive report to Congress no later than November 2011, two years after the negotiated rulemaking process for the *Higher Education Opportunity Act* is complete.

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