

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION:

As you may know, the newly signed Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) became law in August and will have implications for your educator preparation programs and for those providers that report pass rates for Title II (not Title IIA) reporting. We have been advised by Westat, to whom we report Title II, to expect changes, but to make no changes to data collection systems yet.

HEOA, in part, addresses the Teacher Quality Enhancements, which focus on accountability for programs that prepare teachers; teacher development; state functions; preparing teachers for digital age learners; as well as specific grants such as Adjunct Teacher Corps and Graduate Fellowships for High-Need Areas, and more.

With HEOA, there is an increased focus on partnerships; setting annual quantifiable goals to increase the number of teachers in math, science, special education, ELL, and other shortage areas; preparation in instructing students with disabilities and in teaching in urban and rural areas; as well as others.

Following are links that may be helpful to you:

A concise summary of provisions of HEOA that affect educator preparation programs (Title II) is located at

http://www.aacte.org/pdf/Legislation_Center/AACTE%20Summary%20of%20the%20Higher%20Education%20Opportunity%20Act.pdf

The full text of the HEOA legislation is provided at the following link:

<http://www.ccsso.org/content/pdfs/HEOA%20full%20text%202008.pdf>

An overview of the complete HEOA legislation in the form of report to Congress can be found at

<http://www.ccsso.org/content/pdfs/CRS%20Report%20for%20Congress%20HEOA%202008.pdf>

We will keep you informed of updates regarding implications of HEOA with regard to Title II reporting as they come available. If you have questions, please contact Anne Marie Fenton at annemarie.fenton@gapsc.com or 404-232-2654.