

# State Updates: Latest News & Hot Topics

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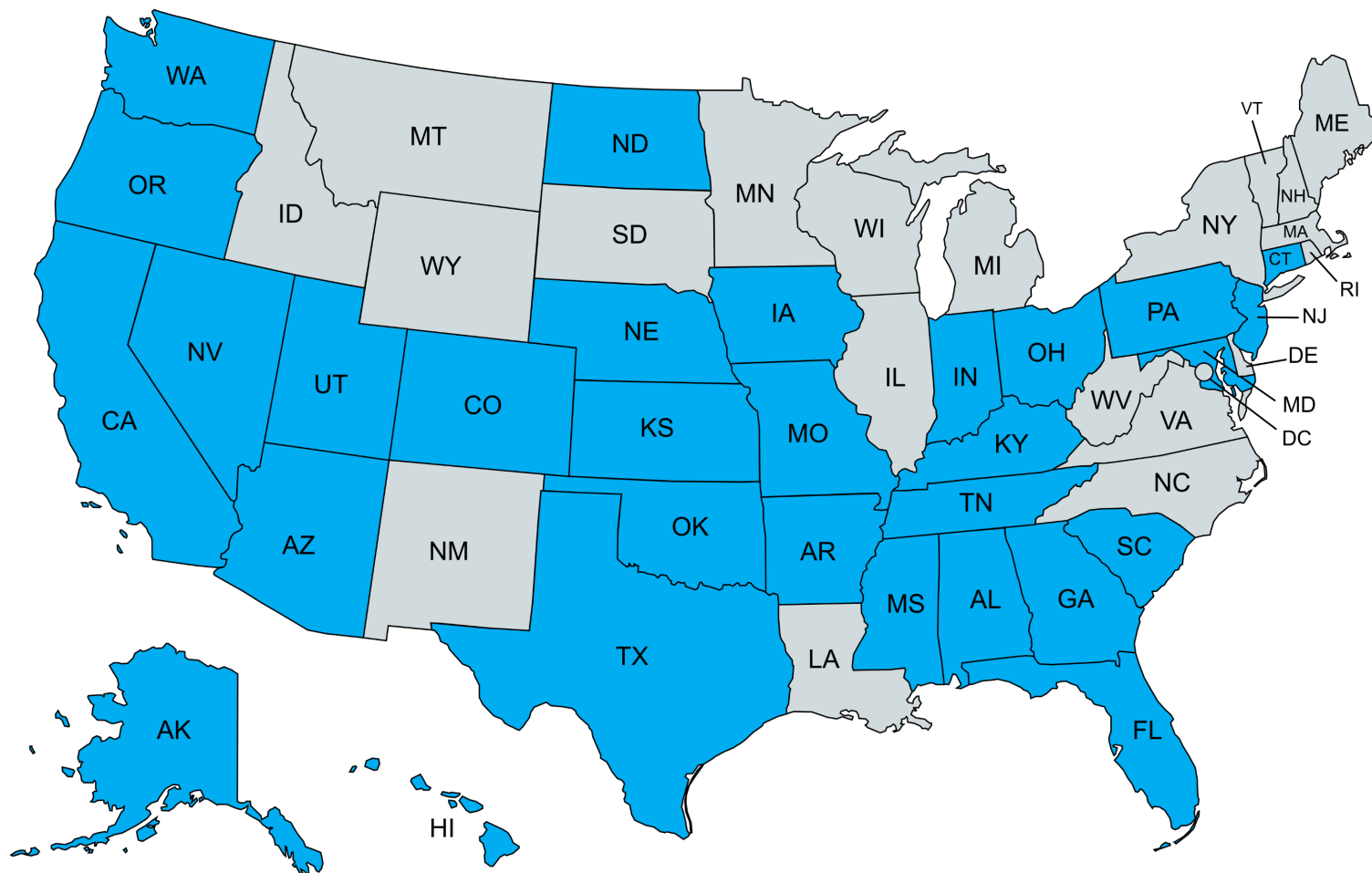
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# States with no Updates

- Alaska CPE
- Alabama Private School Licensure
- Arkansas Division of Higher Education
- Bureau of Iowa College Aid/Iowa Department of Education
- South Carolina CHE
- Colorado Department of Higher Education
- Oregon Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
- Florida Commission for Independent Education
- Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission
- Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Program, Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs
- Higher Education Coordinating Commission
- Indiana Commission for Higher Education
- Kansas Board of Regents
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- Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
- Maryland Higher Education Commission
- Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development
- North Dakota CTE
- Nebraska Department of Education
- Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools
- Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Consumer Protection
- Washington Student Achievement Council
- Washington Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board

# State Response Overview



# Arizona

Kevin LaMountain

1. Converted licensing software platforms from Salesforce to Thentia.
2. Rulemaking - Opened rule-making process with the Governor's office.
3. Statewide adoption of Google Gemini AI system

Institution	Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education
Role	Regulator
# of regulated institutions	237
Types of regulated institutions	Degree granting Non-degree granting Non-public For-profit Not-for-profit

# California

Debbie Cochrane

- California is actively looking to other states to learn more about how they collect student records upon school closure and how those records are disseminated to students when needed.
- We do not have a regulatory proposal at this time, but are looking to develop a proposal that better supports students without creating onerous compliance obligations on institutions.
- If you think your state is doing a fantastic job at this, please contact me at [deborah.cochrane@dca.ca.gov](mailto:deborah.cochrane@dca.ca.gov)

Institution	CA Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Role	Regulator
# of regulated institutions	1000
Types of regulated institutions	Degree granting Non-degree granting Public Non-public For-profit Not-for-profit



# Connecticut

Sean Seepersad

1. Inclusion of student surveys in the reauthorization process.
2. Legislative proposals for accommodating 90+ degree bachelor's degrees, disallowing reauthorizations if no student enrollment for 2 years at a private career school, defining physical presence
3. Continual expansion of automating processes
4. Statewide SARA workshop

Institution	CT Office of Higher Education
Role	Regulator, SPE
# of regulated institutions	122
Types of regulated institutions	Degree granting Non-degree granting Non-public For-profit Not-for-profit

# Mississippi

Dr. Kim Verneuille

- I am taking a page from Arizona's handbook and looking to add AI to my financials review process and strengthen the required documentation.
- The rest is more of a wait-n-see on what the new administration is going to delegate to the states and then figure out how to manage that in Mississippi.

Institution	Mississippi Commission on Proprietary Schools and Colleges
Role	Regulator
# of regulated institutions	77
Types of regulated institutions	Degree granting Non-degree granting Non-public For-profit Not-for-profit

# Nevada

Kelly Wuest (not in attendance)

Nevada has two changes moving through our legislative process:

1. The first would provide a background waiver for faculty that hold a current Nevada occupational license where a background check occurred as part of the licensing process. Currently all faculty at private postsecondary institutions are required to undergo a federal/state background check as part of our approval process.
2. The second change would increase the amount of minimum funds required in the Student Indemnification account from \$250,000 to \$750,000. This fund provides refunds to students who paid for a program out of pocket and where a transfer agreement could not be established and available surety is insufficient or nonexistent.

Institution	Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education
Role	Regulator
# of regulated institutions	
Types of regulated institutions	Degree granting Non-degree granting Non-public For-profit Not-for-profit



# New Jersey

Eric Taylor

1. Final Legislation N.J.S.A. 18A:3B-53.1 through 53.10; P.L.2023, c.115 Supporting Financial Stability and Operational Accountability of Public Institutions of Higher Education Legislation
2. Final Legislation on Quality Metrics for Degree-Granting and Nondegree-Granting Schools N.J.Stat. §18A:3B-45.1
3. OSHE Awards \$1.6 Million in Second "Some College, No Degree" Grant Cycle, Partners with Ithaka S+R
4. Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Assessment and Risk Monitoring Cycle
5. New Jersey Career Accelerator Internship Grant Program

Institution	NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
Role	Regulator, SPE
# of regulated institutions	106
Types of regulated institutions	Degree granting Public Non-public For-profit Not-for-profit

We have some pending rule changes:

1. Distance Education Rules: Updating our distance education rule to include specific definitions and putting in specific requirements that schools will need to disclose the methods used to calculate clock/credit hours in asynchronous distance education courses.
2. Transcript Requirements: Putting in more specific requirements for what needs to be included in an academic transcript.
3. Other Rule Changes: Addressing the use of "contract service providers" in both academic programs and marketing/advertising activities.

Institution	Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools
Role	Regulator
# of regulated institutions	250
Types of regulated institutions	Degree granting Non-degree granting For-profit Not-for-profit

# Pennsylvania

Gina Wetten

1. Newly established State Board of Higher Education (SBHE)
2. PA C.A.R.E.S Campus (Connect; Assess; Respond; Encourage; Support); Campaign Kickoff: May 2025.
3. Establishing a Central Repository. Some activities in progress are developing an internal information and application management system and coordinating actions across state and federal agencies that share regulatory responsibilities.

Institution	Pennsylvania Department of Education
Role	Regulator, SPE
# of regulated institutions	
Types of regulated institutions	Degree granting For profit Not-for-profit

# Tennessee

Julie Woodruff

- Welcome to Ryan Arrington! Ryan joined THEC as the Regulatory Compliance Attorney in November 2024.



Institution	Tennessee Higher Education Commission
Role	Regulator, SPE
# of regulated institutions	265 Traditional, 66 SARA
Types of regulated institutions	Degree granting Non-degree granting Non-public For-profit Not-for-profit

# Texas

Cam Maeyaert

- The Texas legislature is in session until June 2, 2025. Until then, we don't know if there will be any changes in statutes affecting private postsecondary institutions.

Institution	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Role	Regulator
# of regulated institutions	103
Types of regulated institutions	Degree-granting Non-public For-profit Not-for-profit

# Missing Anyone?



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# Thank you

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