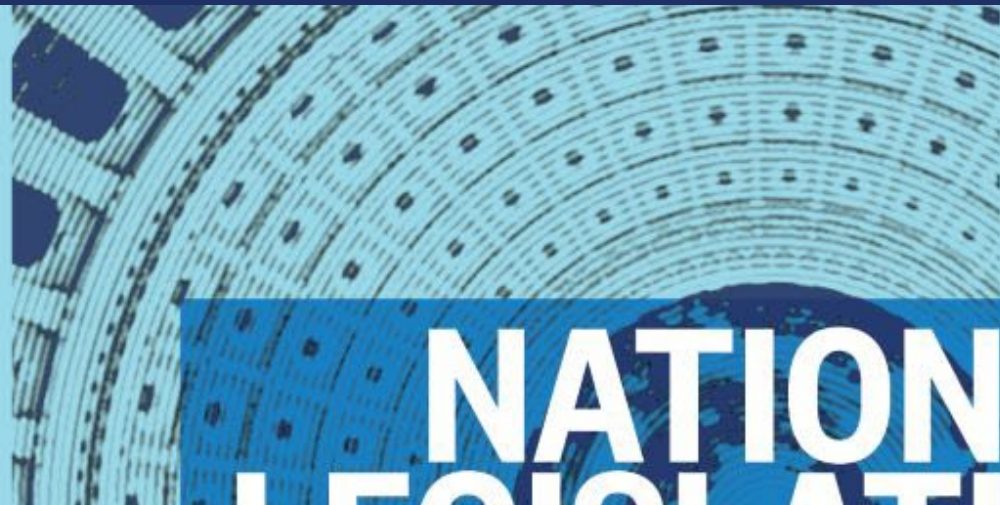


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Preparing for the 2025 NLS

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Agenda

- Federal Update
- Key Factors for the 119th Congress
- Key Factors for the Administration
- Preparation Timeline
 - December
 - January
 - February

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Federal Update

- The November elections have resulted in:
 - A Republican trifecta with a Trump White House, Republican majority House, and Republican Majority Senate.
 - A freshmen class of 82 members of Congress, with 14 new Senators and 68 new Representatives.
- The 119th Congress will see shifts in Congressional leadership:
 - Senator John Thune (SD) as the Senate Majority Leader
 - Senator Bill Cassidy (LA) as the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Chair
 - Senator Susan Collins (ME) as Appropriations Committee Chair
 - Congressmen Burgess Owens (UT) and Tim Walberg (MI) are running to become Chair of Education and Workforce Committee, votes are set to take place this week.

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Federal Update (Continued)

- There are still a few items remaining in Congress' agenda:
 - Passing a Fiscal Year 2025 Funding Package
 - The federal government has a December 20th funding deadline, which will most likely get extended using a stopgap measure. At this time, it is unclear if a government shutdown deadline will be set for January or March.
 - The Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act is reaching the final stages of reauthorization with both House Education and Workforce and Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pension committees agreeing to a bill.
 - We now wait on when this bill will reach the floor for a vote or, most likely, what must-pass legislative vehicle it can be attached to.
 - National Defense Reauthorization Act (NDAA) & Farm Bill still pending.
 - NDAA slated to receive floor time this week; Farm Bill is likely to receive a one-year extension.

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Federal Update (Continued)

- President elect Trump is in the process of selecting his cabinet, some of his nominees include:
 - Linda McMahon, Secretary of Education
 - Lori Chavez-DeRemer, Secretary of Labor
 - Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce
 - Kelly Loeffler, Small Business Administrator

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Key Factors That Will Impact the 119th Congress

- Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA)
 - The TCJA is set to expire next year, making 2025 a big year for tax legislation.
 - With a Republican trifecta, it is anticipated that the TCJA will be extended.
 - The question is how can the Republicans draft an extension bill that is palatable for those concerned about its cost.
 - It is estimated that this bill will cost \$4 trillion dollars for a full extension, while a three-year extension would be \$1.5 trillion.
 - A focus on tax legislation invites an opportunity for ACCT to advocate for Tax Free Pell.

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Key Factors That Will Impact the 119th Congress

- Reconciliation
 - Reconciliation is a budgetary mechanism that allows a funding package that is not subject to a Senate filibuster. Therefore, simple majorities in both the House and Senate can move a reconciliation bill to the president's desk.
 - It has been mentioned that for the 119th Congress Republicans will aim to draft two reconciliation bills:
 - The first bill will likely be finalized before the August 2025 recess and would address defense and border security issues to follow through on President Trump's immigration policies.
 - The second bill would most likely extend the provisions of the TCJA and address other tax-related issues.

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Key Factors That Will Impact the Administration

- Regulations:
 - Title IX
 - It is expected that the Trump Administration will revert to DeVos era rules which narrowed the definition of sexual harassment and altered how schools respond to sexual misconduct.
 - The Trump administration will most likely rollback Biden regulations which protected LGBTQIA students on the basis of gender identity, sexual orientation, and sex characteristics.
 - Gainful Employment/ Financial Value Transparency
 - There is a strong chance GE rules will be overturned by the Trump administration though the deadline for colleges and universities to submit updates to the Completer's List is January 15, 2025
 - Student Loan Relief
 - The Trump Administration will most likely undo all of Biden's initiatives to provide student loan borrowers with relief which include:
 - The proposed rule on student debt relief based on hardship.
 - Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) Plan, which is currently in litigation

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Preparing for NLS: December

- Familiarize yourself with your college & your community
 - Review the Institution's mission, key programs offered, facts about the student population, the business community served by the college, and the economic impact of college programs
 - If not already available, work with your college to create a one-page summary/graphic with some of this key data to share at your meetings
 - What are the needs of the community, how is your community changing, and how is the college responding to these changes?
 - What federal programs are helping your institution & your community? How are they helping the constituents of the Members of Congress (MOC)?
 - Which Members of Congress represent your college? Which represent the areas where your students live?

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Preparing for NLS: January

- Request meetings with your federal legislators
 - Note: in some cases, your state association may coordinate and send requests for Hill meetings, be sure to check in with them to avoid duplicate requests
- Prepare for the meetings by completing the following steps:
 - Fill out the [Federal Funds Worksheet](#)
 - Research your MOC's background: do they have any ties to community colleges? Have they attended any events at your college? Have you met with them or their staff before? What was discussed? What are their top priorities and how can the work at the college relate to them?
 - Your "hill team" should coordinate and decide which top 2-3 issues and top asks will be for your elected officials.

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Preparing for NLS: January (continued)

- Familiarize yourself with the key committees relevant to community colleges & their students, are the members you are meeting with in any of them?
 - House Education & Labor (Ed & Labor)
 - Senate Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions (HELP)
 - Appropriations (Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, & Related Agencies Subcommittee – LHHS)
 - Judiciary
 - Agriculture
 - Budget
 - Senate Finance/House Ways & Means
- If your elected officials are not in any of these committees, which committees do they serve in? How are the issues in their jurisdiction related to your institution or your students?

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Preparing for NLS – February

- Plan your meeting Agenda
 - Make sure your group is on the same page when it comes to messaging
 - Assign a “lead” to help kick off the meeting and ensure you stay on topic
 - If you brought students with you, be sure to spotlight them and have them share their personal impact story. If you have employers attending the meeting with you, have them share their perspective as to the role your institution plays in meeting their workforce needs and those in the community at large.
- Post Meeting
 - Fill out ACCT’s [Congressional Contact Form](#)
 - Send a thank you e-mail; include any electronic materials you brought with you and provide any additional information relevant to the topics discussed
 - Follow up regularly to strengthen the relationship

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Thank You! See You in February 2025

- Reminders:
 - Register for the NLS [here](#). Early Bird deadline is December 18, 2024
 - Hotel Registration Deadline: January 15, 2025 (must be registered for NLS to be able to reserve a room). Hotel block tends to sell out, the sooner you do it the better your chances.
 - Additional resources to prepare for NLS can be found [here](#).
 - Next NLS webinar: Monday January 27, 2025
 - Unveiling of the 2025 Legislative Priorities (Green Sheet)
- Questions? please contact us at publicpolicy@acct.org

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