

Navigating Executive Orders in Higher Education

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Federal Enforcement Priorities

So the CCRA was originally, as I said was originally drafted the College Cost Reduction Act, a version of it under Biden's administration. There was something released back in November, I think where it was endorsed by, you know, Republicans and then early in January and February strongly endorsed. There is actually a, a formula for comp computing this and Jen, I can figure out how to send you a link, but there is a website that your federal website you can go to and you can put in your college or university and it will bring up, it's the expected cost to your school of what it will cost you on an annual basis for picking up your share of what have been determined to be, you know, uncollectible loans incurred by your students.

I think there are National Statistics involved, but it's also based on a percentage of your, your school's total revenues and the loan performance of your students. But you know, for a school like us, it's, you know, I imagine for any school, you know, we're looking at 2% of our operating budget there. The estimate on the, in the language on the website itself estimates it at 1% of a school's operating budget. But you know, for, for anybody 1% of your operating budget, that means 1% of your Net margin. You know, that means a lot of your Net margin because if these are costs you don't have in your operating budget and there is 0 productivity once you add these costs on.

So I'll be, I'll be happy to seek it out. But I do know I got it. We got an e-mail from our general counsel earlier today mid morning where she reported that in fact the legislation that came out was basically reciting the CCRA guidelines exactly as they had been originally displayed. Thank you for that, Dan. Before we jump into some more executive order topics, one of our first questions we got was if you could expand a little bit more on the exclusion from tax for religious affiliated schools and the justification and the fact that religious organizations as a whole have been exempt from tax.

So what's different here? Well, it's the churches themselves are exempt, not the universities that are affiliated with them. And, and you know, the justification for it. Well, I mean, I don't know if we know the justification for many things that are in the legislation. So I don't think we'll get into that, but it's a tough one. I don't know what the justification is. They weren't previously exempt from it, but it, it's in there. And, and one thing as we're talking just came out, one of my colleagues that's on just notified me that the Harvard is now, you know, prevented from issuing visas. So they were their ability to issue student visas was just revoked.