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This resource assesses the current, expected and potential impacts of recent U.S. policy changes, including the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, on U.S. education. Education leaders can use these insights to better predict and navigate complexities and adapt to fast-moving changes.

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The most recent U.S. federal policy changes are targeting areas such as accreditation, diversity and inclusion initiatives, school discipline, workforce development, artificial intelligence in education and federal funding mechanisms. When combined with the closing of the U.S. Department of Education and other U.S. policy changes, this creates various challenges for education at all levels, from K-12 through higher education. These policy transformations and budgetary constraints are impacting various facets of the education landscape, necessitating adjustments in curriculum adoption, grant funding strategies and the delivery of student services. Both K-12 and higher education institutions are navigating changes in federal oversight, funding and regulatory reviews.

Though specific ramifications are not yet clear, education organizations are now reviewing short-term impacts and longer-term scenarios. The recent policy changes on education will affect:

- Delivery of federal aid to students, institutions and loan management
- K-12 funding for education of students with disabilities and those from low-income families
- Collection and publication of data regarding education achievement, enrollment and program completions

- Office for Civil Rights compliance, investigations and responses
- Higher education accreditation policies and practices

As agencies strive to implement new regulations and finalize budget allocations, executive leaders are thoroughly analyzing the potential impacts on research, innovation and service delivery. This involves strategic collaboration with stakeholders and C-suite executives to ensure educational institutions can effectively adapt to the evolving regulatory landscape.

This resource provides an analysis of the impacts of 2025 U.S. federal policy changes on U.S. education, including:

- Relevant U.S. policy changes made by the current U.S. administration
- Potential short-term impacts
- Potential long-term impacts
- Possible opportunities
- Possible challenges
- Strategic recommendations

Education leaders can use this resource to review potential changes on the horizon and learn how to enhance their flexibility and proactive risk management to keep up with changing policies.

How to Use This Presentation

This resource provides clients with assessments, projections and advice on the impacts of current U.S. policy changes based on the information available as of the publication date. Executive leaders can download it to review these insights, which are tailored to their industry.

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