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Executive Committee:

The following few pages include the SLEAP legislation, the Department's SLEAP non-regulatory guidance, the SLEAP Resolution that the Executive Committee passed during our phone conference on May 24, 2000, and the last proposed Technical Amendment that I was aware of as of June 3, 2000. First some background.

On the afternoon of May 24, 2000 Chas received the e-mail below (in the box) from Elyse Wasch in Senator Reed's office regarding a Special LEAP Technical Amendment, which was attached to Elyse's e-mail. Chas forwarded the language to the Executive Committee and asked for comments. The effective date of this amendment is in the second box listed below.

For the record, I should note that over the past several weeks, Chas, Harold McCullough, and I had numerous conversations regarding SLEAP nonregulatory guidance language. In addition, Chas kept in contact with Elyse and conferenced me in on several phone conversations that included either Harold or Elyse on the related SLEAP issues, including the various technical amendments that were floating around.

A personal note of Thanks to Chas Treadwell for orchestrating our conversations and to Harold McCough and Elyse Wasch for being so available and open to NASSGAP's suggestions and concerns. I would also like to thank John Klacik for his initial efforts to hammer out a SLEAP resolution that the Executive Committee agreed in Tempe needed to be crafted with the following provisos:

1. SLEAP funds had to generate new money, states could not use LEAP overmatched funds for SLEAP purposes, (with the exception of the first year of the program) and;
2. SLEAP funds should not be used for administrative purposes.

Let the discussions begin.

DAO

May 24, 2000 e-mail from Elyse Wasch (Senator Reed, RI) to Chas. Chas forwarded the message to the Executive Committee and asked for comments:

The language below was prepared by the Department and sent off to the House Education and Workforce Committee. It looks more complicated than I expected, so can you take a look at it ASAP. Sally Stroup with the House Committee wants to make sure NASSGAP is fine with the language before she puts it in. Thanks!

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted as part of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (P.L. 105-244).