

Task Force Finds More Than 150 Antiquated Federal Regulations And Counting

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A federal task force already has identified more than 150 education regulations that could be changed or repealed - and it's not done yet.

The Department of Education has issued a request for input on regulations the public believes are detrimental and should be updated or even repealed. The request came in the [June 22 edition of the Federal Register](#).

The task force comes out of President Trump's executive order for regulatory agencies to review all current regulations and make recommendations for their repeal, replacement, or modifications, consistent with applicable law.

The task force is comprised of both political appointees and career civil servants from the department. The task force will identify regulations which:

- Eliminate jobs or inhibit job creation
- Are outdated, unnecessary or ineffective
- Impose costs that exceed benefits
- Create serious inconsistency or interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies
- Rely on data, information or methods that are not publicly available or that are insufficiently transparent

Derive from or implement executive orders or other presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.

The task force issued an [initial report May 25](#) identifying more than 150 regulations under review. The regulations range from matters of general applicability such as the Department Seal and Freedom of Information Act to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and Title IX anti-discrimination rules. In addition the report identifies numerous non-regulatory, policy-oriented guidance documents, including "Dear Colleague" letters, "Questions and Answer" and "Frequently Asked Question" documents under review.

In the request for public comment, the department said it [welcomes all comments](#), but said it is mostly interested in regulations which individuals find unduly costly or unnecessarily burdensome.

The deadline to submit comments is August 21.