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As part of our commitment to educate and support its members, NASPA FL provides periodical updates on Public Policy issues facing higher education. This recent update from NASPA gives us a strong outlook on current policy facing education and also outlines NASPA's commitment to influencing policy on our own campuses. I hope you find this update from NASPA helpful.

Jody

Building on NASPA's role as a leading advocate for federal and state public policy in support of students and the student affairs profession, and reflecting the Association's continuing effort to develop members' professional competencies to engage effectively in public policy conversations, NASPA's Public Policy Division presents the following agenda to guide member and staff public policy engagement for 2017-2020.

NASPA's Public Policy Agenda is grounded in a commitment to ensuring opportunity for all institutional members' students and a belief that higher education is a great benefit to both individuals and society. NASPA members and staff will direct efforts toward the following key public policy issue areas.

Read the full NASPA Public Policy Agenda <[link to full policy agenda statement](#)>.

NASPA's Policy & Advocacy Team conducts free monthly live briefings with updates on state and federal policy pertinent to the NASPA Public Policy Agenda. Review the latest briefing or register for the next one in the [NASPA OLC](#) now!

Student success and college completion

NASPA is committed to supporting public and institutional policies that seek to expand access to and success in high-quality postsecondary education to all students, particularly those which close inequity gaps for historically under-represented in US higher education.

Recent RPI Resources and Publications:

- Success in Action Series: [Part I](#), Part II
- [Going from Great to Greater: What does it take to scale?](#)
- [Assessing the Vitals of Student Affairs Divisions](#)
- [Predictive Analysis of Student Data](#)
- Federal Budget Update: 4/20/2017 [blog post](#) and [live briefing](#) (4/20/2017)

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Student safety and wellness

NASPA plays an important role in advocacy for student safety and wellness, including physical, emotional, intellectual, social, spiritual, occupational, and financial wellness, in public policy arenas, and also in helping student affairs professionals navigate compliance with related legislation, regulations, and governmental guidance on issues ranging from mental health, sexual assault prevention and response, financial stability and literacy, and civic engagement.

Recent RPI Resources and Publications:

- [Policy in Practice Brief: Safe Spaces and Brave Spaces](#) (PDF); [blog post](#) and [live briefing](#) (10/12/2017)
- [Overcoming Challenges of Addressing Campus Sexual Violence with the Culture of Respect Collective](#) (10/5/2017)
- The Opioid Crisis and Impact on Student Affairs Professionals [live briefing](#) (9/21/2017)
- [REPORT RELEASED: Institutional Responses to Sexual Violence](#) (9/12/2017)
- [The Two Best Tools in Fighting Campus Sexual Violence](#) (7/27/2017)
- Campus Carry: 2017 State Legislation [live briefing](#) (7/18/2017) and [blog post](#) (7/13/2017)
- [Senate Healthcare Bill: Current Status and Impact to Higher Education](#) (6/29/2017)
- Reading the Tea Leaves: The Office of Civil Rights and Trans Protections [blog post](#) and [live briefing](#) (6/22/2017)
- [Want to get serious about addressing sexual violence? 5 ways to think beyond your campus walls](#) (6/8/2017)
- [Is your institution doing enough to address campus sexual violence? Ask these six questions](#) (4/13/2017)
- Are we seeing an increased emphasis on respondents' rights? [blog post](#) and [live briefing](#) (3/23/2017)

Cost of higher education, student debt, and borrower protections

NASPA is committed to efforts that influence policies that facilitate the ability of students and families to make informed choices and those that increase college affordability, increase access and availability of financial aid, and decrease student indebtedness, particularly for students from backgrounds that have had fewer resources to support college preparation and access.

Recent RPI Resources and Publications:

- [Pell Grants for Prisoners: Considerations in the New Administration](#) (9/21/2017)
- [Acknowledging Veteran Student Leadership: the Colmery Forever GI Bill](#) (9/8/2017)
- [Students in Financial Crisis: A Case for Emergency Aid](#) (8/3/2017)
- [In-state tuition for undocumented students](#) (7/20/2017)
- [Senate Healthcare Bill: Current Status and Impact to Higher Education](#) (6/29/2017)
- Borrower Protection & Servicer Accountability [live briefing](#) (5/18/2017)
- Current Use of Emergency Aid Programs on College Campuses [live briefing](#) (10/20/2016)

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Inclusive opportunities for access and success in higher education

NASPA is committed to fostering increasingly more diverse and inclusive campuses including support for all students, including students historically under-represented in US higher education, especially amid heightened uncertainty regarding protections for international, immigrant, and trans students.

Recent RPI Resources and Publications:

- [Policy in Practice Brief: Safe Spaces and Brave Spaces](#) (PDF); [blog post](#) and [live briefing](#) (10/12/2017)
- [Pell Grants for Prisoners: Considerations in the New Administration](#) (9/21/2017)
- [Acknowledging Veteran Student Leadership: the Colmery Forever GI Bill](#) (9/8/2017)
- [The Importance of Movement Building for Undocumented Immigrants](#) (8/17/2017)
- Policy in Practice: Supporting Undocumented Students During Legislative Uncertainty [live briefing](#) (8/24/2017)
- [In-state tuition for undocumented students](#) (7/20/2017)
- Reading the Tea Leaves: The Office of Civil Rights and Trans Protections [blog post](#) and [live briefing](#) (6/22/2017)
- [Post 100 Days: Immigration Policy Update](#) (6/1/2017)
- [Sanctuary? The status of campus protections for immigrants and undocumented individuals](#) (4/6/2017)
- [State legislative analysis: Bathroom bills](#) (3/2/2017)
- DACA explained: Why it's vulnerable under the Trump Administration [blog post](#) and DACA: Current legislative climate and advocacy [live briefing](#) (9/23/2017)
- [International students: Executive order "travel ban" status, possible future policies](#) (2/9/2017)

Civic engagement and freedom of expression

NASPA is committed to supporting students, student affairs professionals, and others in expanding their capacity for civic engagement while simultaneously supporting individual rights to freedom of expression. Acknowledging the very real presence of historical, social, and political power dynamics which can neither be ignored nor become the sole consideration in navigating controversial topics and issues on campus is central to this tenet.

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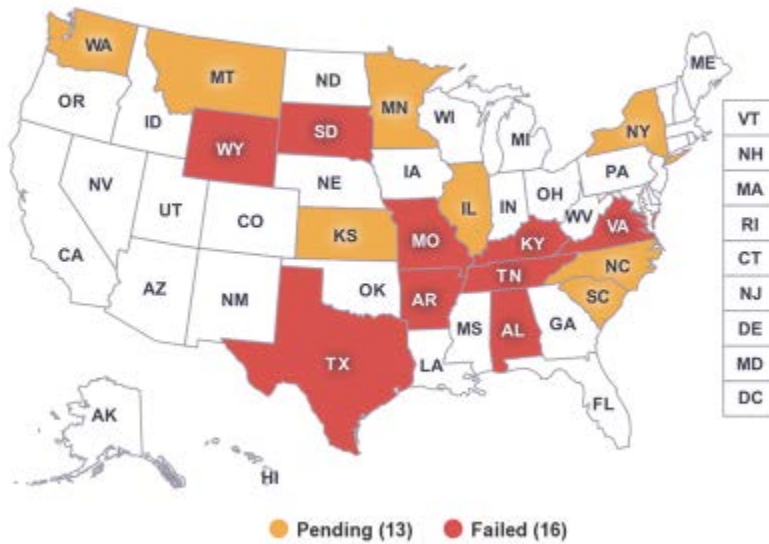
- [Engage: Options for Advocacy for Student Affairs Professionals](#) (10/26/2017)
- [The Rulemaking Process: Differences in Federal Regulatory and Sub-regulatory Guidance](#) (10/19/2017)
- [Policy in Practice Brief: Safe Spaces and Brave Spaces](#) (PDF); [blog post](#) and [live briefing](#) (10/12/2017)
- [Campus Free Speech 2017 Legislative Round-up & Considerations Following Charlottesville](#) (8/24/2017)
- [NASPA's Policy Basics: Political Parties & the Federal Legislative Process](#) (6/15/2017)
- [Eye on '18: All politics is local](#) (5/25/2017)

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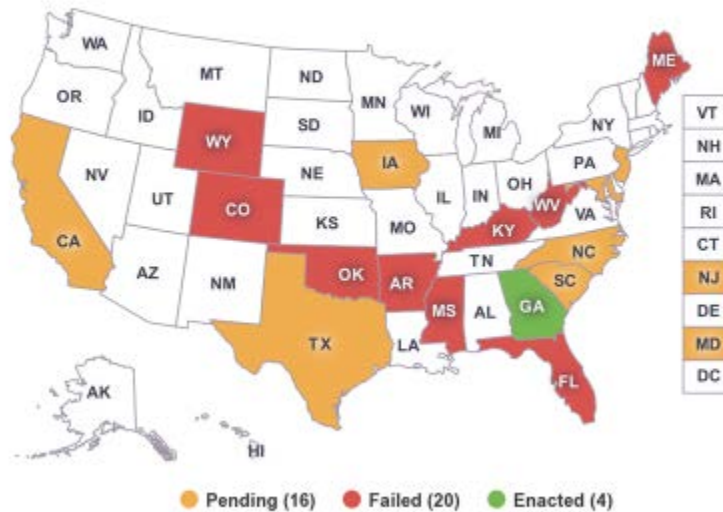
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- [NASPA's Policy Basics: Your Role in Our Representative Democracy](#) (5/11/2017)
- [NASPA's Policy Basics: Our Representative Democracy](#) (5/4/2017)
- [Protecting free speech on campus: State legislation](#) (2/16/2017)

Bathroom Bills by Latest Status

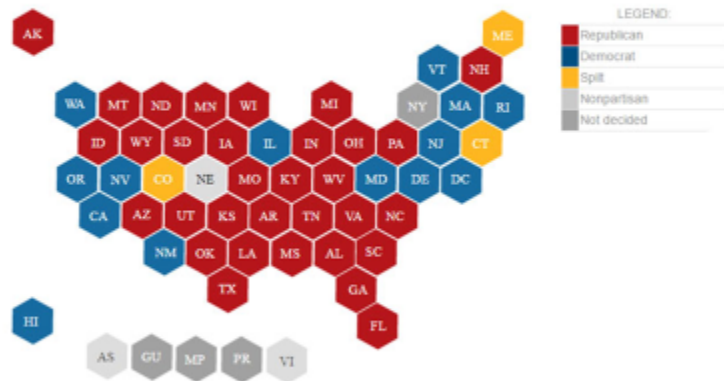


Guns on campus Bills by Latest Status



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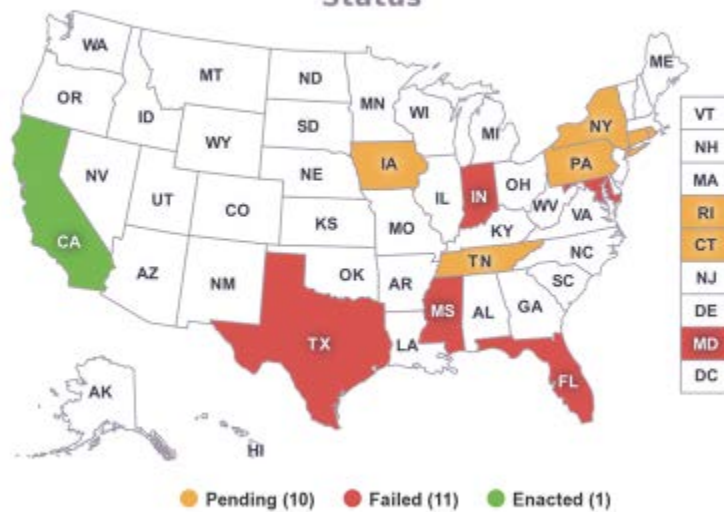
Current State Policy Overview



Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

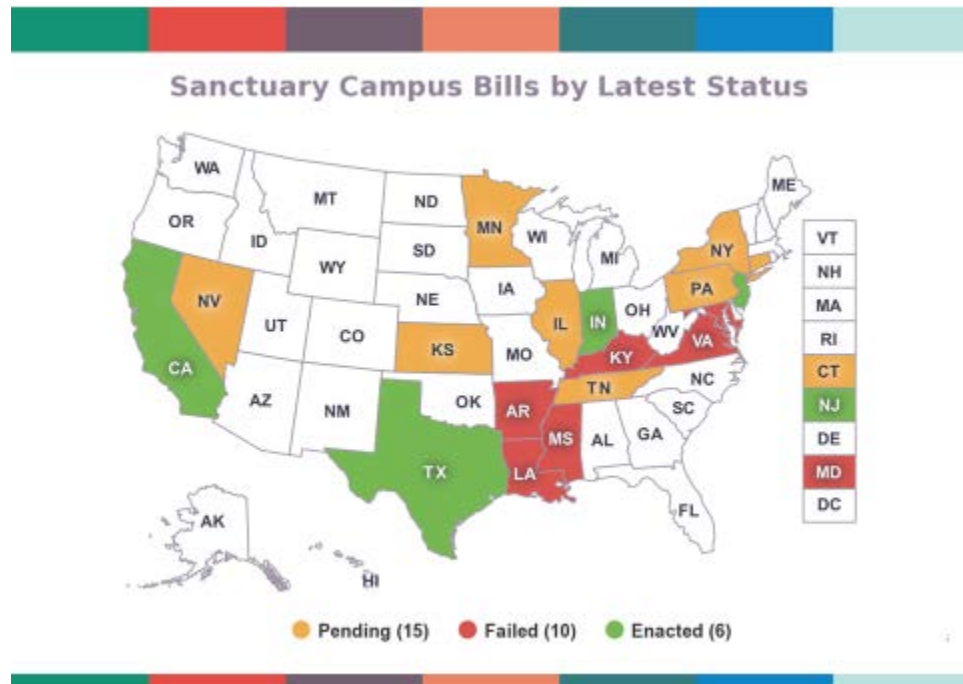


In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students Bills by Latest Status



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Free speech on campus: Safe and Brave Spaces

NASPA POLICY AND PRACTICE SERIES

Safe Spaces and Brave Spaces
Historical Context and Recommendations for Student Affairs Professionals

Diana Ali

- October 2017 Release of NASPA whitepaper: Safe Spaces and Brave Spaces: Historical Context and Recommendations for Student Affairs Professionals
- Discusses the kinds of safe spaces that work
- Creates recommendations for student affairs professionals to better understand safe and brave spaces and create them with intentionality on campus

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NASPA RPI/PPD Resources

- Weekly posts to the RPI blog (<http://www.naspa.org/rpi>)
 - Monday: Policy News Round-up
 - Thursday: Topical issue analysis/update
- Monthly Public Policy Briefing Series
 - Sign up: <https://olc.naspa.org/catalog/naspa-policy-briefing-series>
- Introducing the PPD Virtual Town Hall!
 - Nov. 15, 2017 on Free Speech: Register here: <https://naspa.zoom.us/meeting/register/180af2b4abeb254834538d7d4481ef37>



Additional Resources

- **Govtrack** is a free online resource for tracking federal bills: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/>
- **Openstates** is a free online resource for tracking state legislation: <http://openstates.org/>
- The **Federal Register** provides updated information on changes in regulation policies: <https://www.federalregister.gov/>
- **AASCU** publishes daily and weekly policy news summary emails, including federal & state news: <http://www.aascu.org/policy/publications/subscribe/>

