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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Chapter VI

[Docket ID ED–2023–OPE–0123]

Negotiated Rulemaking Committee; Public Hearing

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Intent to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee.

SUMMARY: We announce our intention to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee to prepare proposed regulations for the Federal Student Aid programs authorized under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The committee will include representatives of organizations or groups with interests that are significantly affected by the subject matter of the proposed regulations. We also announce one public hearing at which interested parties may comment on the topic suggested by the Department and may suggest additional topics that we should consider for action by the negotiating committee. In addition, we announce that the Department will accept written comments on the topics suggested by the Department and suggestions for additional topics that we should consider for action by the negotiating committee.

DATES: The date, time, and location of the public hearing are listed under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. We must receive written comments on the topics suggested by the Department and additional topics that you believe we should consider for action by the negotiating committee(s) on or before July 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for submitting comments, is available on the site under “FAQ.” If you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise

submit your comments via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The Department will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email or comments submitted after the comment period closes. To ensure that we do not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. Additionally, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

Privacy Note: The Department’s policy is to generally make comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only information that they wish to make publicly available. Commenters should not include in their comments any information that identifies other individuals or that permits readers to identify other individuals. The Department reserves the right to redact at any time any information in comments that identifies other individuals, includes information that would allow readers to identify other individuals, or includes threats of harm to another person.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about negotiated rulemaking, see *The Negotiated Rulemaking Process for Title IV Regulations, Frequently Asked Questions* at: www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/hea08/neg-reg-faq.html. For information about the public hearing, or for additional information about negotiated rulemaking, *contact:* Vanessa Gomez, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 2C179, Washington, DC 20202. *Telephone:* (202) 987–0750. *Email:* vanessa.gomez@ed.gov.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7–1–1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 492 of the HEA requires that, before publishing any proposed regulations to implement programs authorized under title IV of the HEA, the Secretary must obtain public involvement in the development of the proposed regulations. After obtaining advice and recommendations from the public, the

Secretary conducts negotiated rulemaking to develop the proposed regulations. We announce our intent to develop proposed title IV regulations by following the negotiated rulemaking procedures in section 492 of the HEA.

We intend to select negotiators from nominees of the organizations and groups that represent the interests significantly affected by the proposed regulations. To the extent possible, we will select individual negotiators from the nominees who reflect the diversity among program participants, in accordance with section 492(b)(1) of the HEA.

Regulatory Issue

We intend to convene a committee to develop proposed regulations pertaining to topics in the title IV, HEA programs. Those topics are the authorities granted to the Secretary in HEA Section 432(a), which relate to the modification, waiver, or compromise of Federal student loans.

After reviewing the public comments presented at the public hearing and in the written submissions, we will publish a document (or documents) in the **Federal Register** announcing the specific topics for which we intend to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee and a request for nominations for individual negotiators for the committee who represent the communities of interest that would be significantly affected by the proposed regulations. This document will also be posted on the Department’s website at: <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2023/index.html>.

Public Hearing

We will hold a virtual public hearing for interested parties to discuss the rulemaking agenda from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern time, on July 18, 2023. Further information on the public hearing is available at: <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2023/index.html>.

Individuals who would like to present comments at the public hearing must register by sending an email message to negreghearing@ed.gov no later than noon, Eastern time, on the business day prior to the public hearing. The message should include the name of the presenter, the general topic(s) the individual would like to address, and one or more dates and times during which the individual would be available

to speak. We will attempt to accommodate each speaker's preference, but, if we are unable to do so, we will select speakers on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the date and time we received the message. We will limit each participant to four minutes.

The Department will notify speakers of the time slot reserved for them and provide information on how to log in to the hearing as a speaker. An individual may make only one presentation at the public hearing. If we receive more registrations than we can accommodate, we reserve the right to reject or cancel the registration of an entity or individual affiliated with an entity or individual that is already scheduled to present comments to ensure that a broad range of entities and individuals are able to present. Registration is required to view the virtual public hearing. We will post links for attendees who wish to observe on our website at <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2023/index.html>. The Department will also post transcripts of the hearing on that site.

The Department will accept written comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal through July 20, 2023. See the **ADDRESSES** section of this document for submission information.

Schedule for Negotiations

We will announce dates for negotiations of any committee established after the public hearing through a notice published in the **Federal Register**. We anticipate holding three sessions of no less than 2 days each at roughly 4-week intervals. The dates and locations of these virtual meetings will be published in a subsequent *Federal Register* document and posted online at: <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2023/index.html>.

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text or portable document format (PDF). To use PDF, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available for free on the site. You may also access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at: www.federalregister.gov. Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

49 CFR Part 803

[Docket No.: NTSB-2023-0006]

RIN 3147-AA27

Official Seal Description

AGENCY: National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is amending its regulatory description of the agency's seal. Since the seal's inception, the agency has utilized various versions of the seal. For consistency, the agency proposes updating the regulation and codifying current agency practice. This proposed change will provide a revised graphical representation of the seal. Additionally, the NTSB is including non-substantive technical amendments throughout part 803 due to recent internal organizational changes and a typographical error reflected in the agency's mailing address.

DATES: Send comments on or before September 5, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket Number (No.) NTSB-2023-0006, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Email:* rulemaking@ntsb.gov.
- *Fax:* 202-314-6090.
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* NTSB, Office of General Counsel, 490 L'Enfant Plaza East SW, Washington, DC 20594.

Instructions: All submissions in response to this NPRM must include Docket No. NTSB-2023-0006. All comments received will be posted

without change, including any personal information provided to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search Docket No. NTSB-2023-0006.

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Docket: For access to the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search Docket No. NTSB-2023-0006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Casey Blaine, Deputy General Counsel, (202) 314-6080, rulemaking@ntsb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In 1975, the NTSB adopted an official seal as authorized by the Independent Safety Board Act of 1974 (Act), and codified the seal in part 803 of its regulations entitled "Official Seal." 40 FR 30232 (July 17, 1975). The adoption at that time marked the NTSB's status as an independent Federal agency. 43 FR 36454 (Aug. 17, 1978). The original seal design was that of a triskelion, which was later replaced by the American bald eagle as set forth in the NTSB's final rule. 43 FR 36454. The NTSB explained that the eagle was "adopted in the interest of ready recognition of the Board's status as an independent agency of the Federal Government charged with the investigation of transportation accidents." *Id.* The agency continued, "it is imperative that Board officials be readily recognized as agents of the U.S. Government" *Id.*

Over thirty years later, the NTSB published its Plan for Retrospective Analysis of Existing Rules per two Executive orders that altogether advised agencies to conduct such an analysis. 77 FR 37865, 37866 (June 25, 2012). After reviewing public comments, the NTSB subsequently announced its plan to update the agency's regulations, which included part 803. 78 FR 1193 (Jan. 8, 2013). However, in the final rule, the NTSB ultimately amended certain sections of part 803, but did not revise the description of the seal found in