

## Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) and Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (SLEAP)—Part A, Subpart 4

### LEAP Issue 1: Purpose and Appropriations Authorized [Section 415A]

**Recommendation:** LEAP funding should be continued and increased to prevent the elimination or severe reduction of some state need based grant programs.

**Rationale:** The purpose of the LEAP Program is to encourage the development of state need-based financial aid initiatives that provide student access to higher education. States should be encouraged to continue these types of programs.

Current HEA Law	NASFAA Proposed Statutory Language
<p>SUBPART 4—LEVERAGING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM</p> <p>Section 415A(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; AVAILABILITY.—                      (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$105,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.</p>	<p>Reauthorize Subpart 4.</p> <p>Section 415A(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; AVAILABILITY.—                      (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated <del>\$105,000,000</del> <b>\$200,000,000</b> for fiscal year <del>1999</del> <b>2005</b>, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.</p>