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**APSCU Commends Department of Education  
on More Pragmatic Approach to Gainful Employment Regulations**

**Washington, DC** – The Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU) issued the following statement in response to new regulations released by the US Department of Education:

“We commend the Department of Education for taking a pragmatic approach to the issue of the Department’s preapproval of new programs in the final rule compared to the unworkable approach in the proposed rule. Concerns that have been raised by our sector and others in higher education have been heard and addressed in a manner that puts students first. The net effect of the original language would have significantly delayed or denied the introduction of new programs, costing students opportunities and institutions the ability to move quickly to meet employer demands for skills. We look forward to working with the Department as it moves to the critical next stage of considering whether or not it makes sense to use a specific gainful employment metric to judge institutional quality and, if so, the appropriate metric.”

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