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OVERVIEW AND COMMENTS

This Special Update is issued to Neola Clients in response to several recent emerging issues at both the Federal and State levels. They include:

- The recent U.S. Department of Education "Dear Colleagues" letter issued on Friday, January 31, 2025, stating that it was adopting the judicial vacatur of the rule, in effect invalidating the 2024 regulations. A revised "Dear Colleague" letter was issued on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, and further detailed the USDOE's position concerning Title IX enforcement. It is clear from these letters that the Office of Civil Rights ("OCR") will enforce Title IX pursuant to the 2020 regulations rather than the 2024 regulations.

Accordingly, unless the Board adopted Policy 2264, based on the now-invalidated 2024 Title IX Regulations, no action is needed. If, however, the Board adopted the new policy based on the 2024 Title IX regulations, that policy and the revised Policy 2266 should be rescinded.

As always, your Neola Associate is available to answer questions concerning the status of litigation and rulemaking on this topic. Neola encourages the Board to consult with its Legal Counsel as it implements its Title IX nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures.

- "Lame Duck" legislative session enactment of H.B. 322, which established and defined the criminal offense of "grooming", thus impacting Neola Policy 1613/3213/4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare documents.
- Latest developments resulting from H.B. 8 dealing with Released Time for Religious Instruction and requirements for Parents' Bill of Rights.

This Update includes the following documents:

- **Legal Alert - Title IX Regulations**
- **Legal Alert - Released Time for Religious Instruction**
- **Legal Alert - Parents' Bill of Rights**
- **Policy 1613/3213/4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare (Revised)**
- **AG 1613/3213/4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare (New/Revised/New)**

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