

With the growing student debt crisis, the disproportionate amount of federal student aid going into for-profit colleges and universities has been identified as a primary problem. As a result, the practices of for-profit colleges and universities have been highly scrutinized, and both federal and state governments have made attempts to regulate such institutions. This article will examine the failed regulatory attempts by the Department of Education, as well as a newly established legislative and regulatory scheme in California. It will conclude that the regulatory failures at the federal level have left state governments in the strongest position to regulate the nefarious practices of for-profit intuitions.