How a bill becomes law

The basic process

HOUSE
- Bill introduced
  - Referred to committee
  - Referred to subcommittee
  - Hearings held
  - Reported to full committee
  - Debate & Vote

SENATE
- Bill introduced
  - Referred to committee
  - Referred to subcommittee
  - Hearings held
  - Reported to full committee
  - Debate & Vote

[Bill must pass both House and Senate]

- President signs into law
- Statute is codified
- Regulations are written (if applicable)

The paper trail

Bill (H.R. # or S. #)

Hearings

Reports
(H. Rpt. # or S. Rpt. #)

Congressional Record
(____Cong. Rec.____)

Public Law (P.L. #) in the Statutes at Large
(____Stat.____)

U.S. Code (____USC____)

Code of Federal Regulations
(____CFR____);
Federal Register (____FR____)

If the law created/changed a program, information is updated in the CFDA