

Schools must end sex discrimination

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 150 all-male and all-female colleges, including some of the most prestigious in the nation, must explain by early summer delays in totally eliminating sex discrimination in admissions.

A government memo and guidelines mailed recently to presidents of the institutions in 33 states say they have up to six years to comply with a new antidiscrimination law if acceptable transition plans are received before July 1.

“Educational institutions which are eligible to submit a plan, but do not, will be required not to discriminate on the basis of sex in admissions as of June 24, 1973,” the memo said.

Copies were sent to such schools as Notre Dame, Harvard, Yale and Vassar.

Institutions violating the guidelines, covered by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, risk the loss of all federal aid.

The memo from Peter E. Holmes, director of the Office for Civil Rights, and John Ottina, commissioner-designate of the U.S. Office of Education, asks the schools to identify all obstacles that might hinder full compliance this fall.

“Nondiscrimination does not imply that your institution must or will accept students of either sex in any particular number or proportion, but it does mean removal of all obstacles, based on sex, to admission of students,” the guidelines said.