

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H.R. 1499

**HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE AMENDMENTS**

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

March 12, 2002.

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the title and agree to the amendment of the Senate to the text to the bill (H.R. 1499) entitled “An Act to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who graduated from a secondary school prior to 1998 and individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act, and for other purposes”, with the following

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In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia*
3 *College Access Improvement Act of 2002”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM.***

5 *Section 3(c)(2) of the District of Columbia College Ac-*
6 *cess Act of 1999 (sec. 38–2702(c)(2), D.C. Official Code) is*
7 *amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and*
8 *inserting the following:*

1 “(A)(i) in the case of an individual who be-
2 gins an undergraduate course of study within 3
3 calendar years (excluding any period of service
4 on active duty in the armed forces, or service
5 under the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501 et
6 seq.) or subtitle D of title I of the National and
7 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
8 12571 et seq.)) of graduation from a secondary
9 school, or obtaining the recognized equivalent of
10 a secondary school diploma, was domiciled in
11 the District of Columbia for not less than the 12
12 consecutive months preceding the commencement
13 of the freshman year at an institution of higher
14 education;

15 “(ii) in the case of an individual who grad-
16 uated from a secondary school or received the
17 recognized equivalent of a secondary school di-
18 ploma before January 1, 1998, and is currently
19 enrolled at an eligible institution as of the date
20 of enactment of the District of Columbia College
21 Access Improvement Act of 2002, was domiciled
22 in the District of Columbia for not less than the
23 12 consecutive months preceding the commence-
24 ment of the freshman year at an institution of
25 higher education; or

1 “(iii) in the case of any other individual
2 and an individual re-enrolling after more than
3 a 3-year break in the individual’s post-sec-
4 ondary education, has been domiciled in the Dis-
5 trict of Columbia for at least 5 consecutive years
6 at the date of application;

7 “(B)(i) graduated from a secondary school
8 or received the recognized equivalent of a sec-
9 ondary school diploma on or after January 1,
10 1998;

11 “(i) in the case of an individual who did
12 not graduate from a secondary school or receive
13 a recognized equivalent of a secondary school di-
14 ploma, is accepted for enrollment as a freshman
15 at an eligible institution on or after January 1,
16 2002; or

17 “(iii) in the case of an individual who
18 graduated from a secondary school or received
19 the recognized equivalent of a secondary school
20 diploma before January 1, 1998, is currently en-
21 rolled at an eligible institution as of the date of
22 enactment of the District of Columbia College
23 Access Improvement Act of 2002;

24 “(C) meets the citizenship and immigration
25 status requirements described in section

1 484(a)(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
2 (20 U.S.C. 1091(a)(5));”.

3 **SEC. 3. PRIVATE SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

4 Section 5(c)(1)(B) of the District of Columbia College
5 Access Act of 1999 (sec. 38–2704(c)(1)(B), D.C. Official
6 Code) is amended by striking “the main campus of which
7 is located in the State of Maryland or the Commonwealth
8 of Virginia”.

9 **SEC. 4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

10 Section 6 of the District of Columbia College Access
11 Act of 1999 (sec. 38–2705, D.C. Official Code) is amended—

12 (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
13 following:

14 “(b) *ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.*—

15 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Mayor of the District of
16 Columbia may not use more than 7 percent of the
17 total amount of Federal funds appropriated for the
18 program, retroactive to the date of enactment of this
19 Act (the District of Columbia College Access Act of
20 1999), for the administrative expenses of the program.

21 “(2) *DEFINITION.*—In this subsection, the term
22 ‘administrative expenses’ means any expenses that are
23 not directly used to pay the cost of tuition and fees
24 for eligible students to attend eligible institutions.”;

1 (2) *by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as*
2 *subsections (f) and (g);*

3 (3) *by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-*
4 *lowing:*

5 “(e) *LOCAL FUNDS.—It is the sense of Congress that*
6 *the District of Columbia may appropriate such local funds*
7 *as necessary for the programs under sections 3 and 5.”; and*

8 (4) *by adding at the end the following:*

9 “(h) *DEDICATED ACCOUNT FOR PROGRAMS.—*

10 “(1) *ESTABLISHMENT.—The District of Colum-*
11 *bia government shall establish a dedicated account for*
12 *the programs under sections 3 and 5 consisting of the*
13 *following amounts:*

14 “(A) *The Federal funds appropriated to*
15 *carry out such programs under this Act or any*
16 *other Act.*

17 “(B) *Any District of Columbia funds ap-*
18 *propriated by the District of Columbia to carry*
19 *out such programs.*

20 “(C) *Any unobligated balances in amounts*
21 *made available for such programs in previous*
22 *fiscal years.*

23 “(D) *Interest earned on balances of the*
24 *dedicated account.*

1 “(2) *USE OF FUNDS.*—Amounts in the dedicated
2 account shall be used solely to carry out the programs
3 under sections 3 and 5.”.

4 **SEC. 5. CONTINUATION OF CURRENT AGGREGATE LEVEL**
5 **OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The District of Columbia College
7 Access Act of 1999 (sec. 38–2701 et seq., D.C. Official Code)
8 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 7. LIMIT ON AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL**
10 **FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PRIVATE**
11 **SCHOOL PROGRAMS.**

12 “The aggregate amount authorized to be appropriated
13 to the District of Columbia for the programs under sections
14 3 and 5 for any fiscal year may not exceed—

15 “(1) \$17,000,000, in the case of the aggregate
16 amount for fiscal year 2003;

17 “(2) \$17,000,000, in the case of the aggregate
18 amount for fiscal year 2004; or

19 “(3) \$17,000,000, in the case of the aggregate
20 amount for fiscal year 2005.”.

21 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

22 (1) *PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM.*—Section 3(i) of
23 such Act (sec. 38–2702(i), D.C. Official Code) is
24 amended by striking “and such sums” and inserting
25 “and (subject to section 7) such sums”.

1 (2) *PRIVATE SCHOOL PROGRAM.*—Section 5(f) of
2 *such Act (sec. 38–2704(f), D.C. Official Code) is*
3 *amended by striking “and such sums” and inserting*
4 *“and (subject to section 7) such sums”.*

Attest:

Clerk.