

***In the Senate of the United States,***

*December 12, 2001.*

*Resolved*, That the bill from the House of Representatives (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.”, do pass with the following

**AMENDMENTS:**

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

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

2 *This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia*

3 *College Access Improvement Act of 2001”.*

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

2 *Section 3(c)(2) of the District of Columbia College Ac-*  
3 *cess Act of 1999 is amended by striking subparagraphs (A)*  
4 *through (C) and inserting the following:*

5 *“(A)(i) for individuals who begin an under-*  
6 *graduate course of study within 3 calendar years*  
7 *(excluding any period of service on active duty*  
8 *in the armed forces, or service under the Peace*  
9 *Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) or subtitle D*  
10 *of title I of the National and Community Service*  
11 *Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.)) of gradua-*  
12 *tion from a secondary school, or obtaining the*  
13 *recognized equivalent of a secondary school di-*  
14 *ploma, was domiciled in the District of Colum-*  
15 *bia for not less than the 12 consecutive months*  
16 *preceding the commencement of the freshman*  
17 *year at an institution of higher education;*

18 *“(ii) for individuals who graduated from a*  
19 *secondary school or received the recognized equiv-*  
20 *alent of a secondary school diploma before Janu-*  
21 *ary 1, 1998, and is currently enrolled at an eli-*  
22 *gible institution as of the date of enactment of*  
23 *the District of Columbia College Access Improve-*  
24 *ment Act of 2001, was domiciled in the District*  
25 *of Columbia for not less than the 12 consecutive*  
26 *months preceding the commencement of the fresh-*

1           *man year at an institution of higher education;*  
2           *or*

3           *“(iii) for all other individuals and for those*  
4           *applicants re-enrolling after more than a 3-year*  
5           *break in their post-secondary education, has been*  
6           *domiciled in the District of Columbia for at least*  
7           *5 consecutive years at the date of application;*

8           *“(B)(i) graduated from a secondary school*  
9           *or received the recognized equivalent of a sec-*  
10          *ondary school diploma on or after January 1,*  
11          *1998;*

12          *“(ii) for applicants that did not graduate*  
13          *from a secondary school or receive a recognized*  
14          *equivalent of a secondary school diploma, is ac-*  
15          *cepted for enrollment as a freshman at an eligi-*  
16          *ble institution on or after January 1, 2002; or*

17          *“(iii) for applicants who graduated from a*  
18          *secondary school or received the recognized equiv-*  
19          *alent of a secondary school diploma before Janu-*  
20          *ary 1, 1998, is currently enrolled at an eligible*  
21          *institution as of the date of enactment of the*  
22          *District of Columbia College Access Improvement*  
23          *Act of 2001;*

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 is amended by striking “The main cam-  
6 pus of which is located in the State of Maryland or the  
7 Commonwealth of Virginia”.

8 **SEC. 4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

9           Section 6 of the District of Columbia College Access  
10 Act of 1999 is amended—

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

13           “(b) *ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.*—

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

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

24           (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as  
25 subsections (f) and (g);

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

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

6           (4) *by inserting at the end the following:*

7           “(h) *DEDICATED ACCOUNT FOR THE RESIDENT TUI-*  
8           *TION SUPPORT PROGRAM.—The District of Columbia gov-*  
9           *ernment shall establish a dedicated account for the Resident*  
10           *Tuition Support Program that shall consist of the Federal*  
11           *funds appropriated to the Program in this Act and any*  
12           *subsequent appropriations, any unobligated balances from*  
13           *prior fiscal years, and any interest earned in this or any*  
14           *fiscal years. The funds in this dedicated account may be*  
15           *used to help pay the cost of tuition and fees for eligible stu-*  
16           *dents to attend eligible institutions if the fiscal year appro-*  
17           *priation for that year is insufficient to cover the cost of*  
18           *tuition and fees for that year.”.*

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school and individuals who attend private historically black colleges and universities nationwide to partici-

pate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act,  
and for other purposes.”.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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