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title

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
3 College Access Act Technical Corrections Act of 2001”.

4 **SEC. 2. REVISIONS TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR**
5 **TUITION ASSISTANCE UNDER DISTRICT OF**
6 **COLUMBIA COLLEGE ACCESS ACT.**

7 (a) **PERMITTING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICI-**
8 **PATE IN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—**

9 (1) **INDIVIDUALS GRADUATING FROM SEC-**
10 **ONDARY SCHOOL PRIOR TO 1998.—**Section
11 3(e)(2)(B) of the District of Columbia College Ac-
12 ccess Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–98; 113 Stat.
13 1325) is amended by striking “on or after January
14 1, 1998”.

15 (2) **INDIVIDUALS ENROLLING MORE THAN 3**
16 **YEARS AFTER GRADUATING FROM SECONDARY**
17 **SCHOOL.—**Section 3(e)(2) of such Act (Public Law
18 106–98; 113 Stat. 1325) is amended by striking
19 subparagraph (C).

20 (b) **PROHIBITING PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN NA-**
21 **TIONALS.—**Section 3(e)(2) of such Act (Public Law 106–
22 98; 113 Stat. 1325), as amended by subsection (a)(2), is
23 amended by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
24 lowing:

25 “(C) meets the citizenship and immigra-
26 tion 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. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
 5 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

7 *This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia*
 8 *College Access Improvement Act of 2001”.*

9 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 “(C) meets the citizenship and immigration
23 status requirements described in section
24 484(a)(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
25 (20 U.S.C. 1091(a)(5));”.

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

2 Section 5(c)(1)(B) of the District of Columbia College
3 Access Act of 1999 is amended by striking “The main cam-
4 pus of which is located in the State of Maryland or the
5 Commonwealth of Virginia”.

6 **SEC. 4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

7 Section 6 of the District of Columbia College Access
8 Act of 1999 is amended—

9 (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
10 following:

11 “(b) *ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.*—

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

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

22 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
23 subsections (f) and (g);

24 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
25 lowing:

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

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

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

17 Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to amend the
 18 District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit
 19 individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education
 20 more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary
 21 school and individuals who attend private historically
 22 black colleges and universities nationwide to participate in
 23 the tuition assistance programs under such Act, and for
 24 other purposes.”.

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