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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16, 2003

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DODD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. STUDY AND CONSULTATION.**

4 (a) STUDY.—In order to ensure that students are not
5 adversely affected by the proposed changes to the tables
6 used in the Federal Needs Analysis Methodology to deter-

1 mine a student's expected family contribution for the
2 award year 2004–2005 under part F of title IV of the
3 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087kk et seq.),
4 the Comptroller General, in consultation with the Advisory
5 Committee on Student Financial Assistance, shall conduct
6 a study of such proposed changes that shall include an
7 examination of the impact of such changes on students.
8 A report of the findings of the study shall be transmitted
9 to the Secretary of Education and the appropriate com-
10 mittees of Congress not later than 90 days after the date
11 of enactment of this Act.

12 (b) CONSULTATION.—Section 478 of the Higher
13 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087rr) is amended
14 by adding at the end the following:

15 “(i) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—Prior to publishing
16 any notice or promulgating any regulation with respect to
17 updated tables under this section, the Secretary shall con-
18 sult with the Advisory Committee on Student Financial
19 Assistance regarding such updated tables.”.

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