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H. R. 3668

To provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Federal student grant assistance who are adversely affected by a major disaster.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2005

Mr. JINDAL (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PORTER, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. WU, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BAKER, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Student Grant Hurri-
5 cane and Disaster Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVERS OF STUDENT GRANT ASSISTANCE REPAY-**
2 **MENT BY STUDENTS AFFECTED BY DISAS-**
3 **TERS.**

4 Section 484B(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of
5 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091b(b)(2)) is amended by adding at
6 the end the following new subparagraph:

7 “(E) WAIVERS OF GRANT ASSISTANCE RE-
8 PAYMENT BY STUDENTS AFFECTED BY DISAS-
9 TERS.—In addition to the waivers authorized by
10 subparagraph (D), the Secretary may waive the
11 amounts that students are required to return
12 under this section with respect to any other
13 grant assistance under this title if the with-
14 drawals on which the returns are based are
15 withdrawals by students—

16 “(i) who were residing in, employed
17 in, or attending an institution of higher
18 education that is located in an area in
19 which the President has declared that a
20 major disaster exists, in accordance with
21 section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
22 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
23 (42 U.S.C. 5170);

24 “(ii) whose attendance was inter-
25 rupted because of the impact of the dis-
26 aster on the student or the institution; and

1 “(iii) whose withdrawal ended within
2 the academic year during which the des-
3 ignation occurred or during the next suc-
4 ceeding academic year.”.

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