

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 601

To expand the definition of independent student in the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include homeless youth.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2007

Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself and Mr. HINOJOSA) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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 “FAFSA Fix for Home-  
5 less Kids Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOMELESS YOUTH INCLUDED IN DEFINITION OF**  
7 **INDEPENDENT STUDENT.**

8 Section 480(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
9 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(d)) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as  
2 paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

3           (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-  
4 lowing new paragraph:

5           “(6) has been verified as both a homeless child  
6 or youth and an unaccompanied youth, as such  
7 terms are defined in section 725 of the McKinney-  
8 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a),  
9 during the school year in which the application for  
10 financial assistance is submitted, by—

11           “(A) a local educational agency liaison for  
12 homeless children and youths, as designated  
13 under section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-  
14 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
15 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii));

16           “(B) a director of a homeless shelter, tran-  
17 sitional shelter, or independent living program;  
18 or

19           “(C) a financial aid administrator;”.

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