

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3295

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to repeal the provisions prohibiting persons convicted of drug offenses from receiving student financial assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2009

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. STARK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. HONDA, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. MASSA, Mrs. CAPPES, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FILNER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Ms. LEE of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Removing Impedi-
3 ments to Students Education Act of 2009” or the “RISE
4 Act of 2009”.

5 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING PERSONS**
6 **CONVICTED OF DRUG OFFENSES FROM RE-**
7 **CEIVING STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

8 (a) REPEAL.—Subsection (r) of section 484 of the
9 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091(r)) is re-
10 pealed.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 485(k) of
12 such Act (20 U.S.C. 1092(k)) is amended to read as fol-
13 lows:

14 “(k) NOTICE TO STUDENTS CONCERNING PEN-
15 ALTIES FOR DRUG VIOLATIONS.—Not later than 30 days
16 after the date of enactment of the RISE Act of 2009, an
17 institution of higher education shall provide to each stu-
18 dent who lost eligibility for any grant, loan, or work-study
19 assistance under this title as a result of the penalties listed
20 under 484(r)(1) as in effect before the date of enactment
21 of such Act, and who has not regained eligibility for such
22 assistance before such date of enactment, a separate,
23 clear, and conspicuous written notice that notifies the stu-
24 dent of the repeal of section 484(r) and advises the stu-

1 dent that the student has regained eligibility for such as-
2 sistance as of such date of enactment.”.

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