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H. R. 3177

To simplify the application used for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility for postsecondary education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2015

Mr. HECK of Nevada (for himself, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. POLIS, Mr. POCAN, Mr. KLINE, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. MESSER, Mr. GROTHMAN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BUCSHON, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania) 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 “Simplifying the Appli-
5 cation for Student Aid Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USING DATA FROM SECOND PRECEDING YEAR.**

2 Section 480(a)(1)(B) of the Higher Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(a)(1)(B)) is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 “(B) Notwithstanding section 478(a) and
6 beginning not later than the second January 1
7 after the date of enactment of the Simplifying
8 the Application for Student Aid Act, the Sec-
9 retary shall provide for the use of data from the
10 second preceding tax year to carry out the sim-
11 plification of applications (including simplifica-
12 tion for a subset of applications) used for the
13 estimation and determination of financial aid
14 eligibility. Such simplification shall include the
15 sharing of data between the Internal Revenue
16 Service and the Department, pursuant to the
17 consent of the taxpayer.”.

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