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# H. R. 4433

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the income protection allowances.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. BERA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HONDA, Mr. KEATING, Ms. LEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. TAKAI, Mr. TONKO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. McDERMOTT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the income protection allowances.

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 “Working Student Act  
5 of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR WORKING STUDENTS.**

7 (a) DEPENDENT STUDENTS.—Section 475(g)(2)(D)  
8 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
9 1087oo(g)(2)(D)) is amended to read as follows:

1           “(D) an income protection allowance (or a  
2           successor amount prescribed by the Secretary  
3           under section 478) of \$8,519 for academic year  
4           2016–2017;”.

5           (b) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPEND-  
6           ENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 476(b)(1)(A)(iv)  
7           of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
8           1087pp(b)(1)(A)(iv)) is amended to read as follows:

9                   “(iv) an income protection allowance  
10                   (or a successor amount prescribed by the  
11                   Secretary under section 478)—

12                           “(I) for single or separated stu-  
13                           dents, or married students where both  
14                           are enrolled pursuant to subsection  
15                           (a)(2), of \$13,244 for academic year  
16                           2016–2017; and

17                           “(II) for married students where  
18                           1 is enrolled pursuant to subsection  
19                           (a)(2), of \$21,222 for academic year  
20                           2016–2017;”.

21           (c) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS  
22           OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 477(b)(4) of the High-  
23           er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087qq(b)(4)) is  
24           amended to read as follows:

1           “(4) INCOME PROTECTION ALLOWANCE.—The  
 2           income protection allowance is determined by the fol-  
 3           lowing table (or a successor table prescribed by the  
 4           Secretary under section 478), for academic year  
 5           2016–2017:

“Income Protection Allowance

Family Size  (including student)	Number in College					For each additional subtract:
	1	2	3	4	5	
2	\$33,534	\$27,797				\$4,230
3	41,742	36,045	\$30,308			
4	51,543	45,833	40,122	\$34,385		
5	60,831	55,080	49,370	43,659	\$37,949	
6	71,321	65,408	59,724	53,960	48,276	
For each additional add:	5,950					”.

6           (d) UPDATED TABLES AND AMOUNTS.—Section  
 7           478(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
 8           1087rr(b)) is amended—

9           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraphs  
 10          (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

11           “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each academic  
 12          year after academic year 2016–2017, the Sec-  
 13          retary shall publish in the Federal Register a  
 14          revised table of income protection allowances  
 15          for the purpose of sections 475(c)(4) and  
 16          477(b)(4), subject to subparagraphs (B) and  
 17          (C).

18           “(B) TABLE FOR INDEPENDENT STU-  
 19          DENTS.—For each academic year after aca-

1           demio year 2016–2017, the Secretary shall de-  
2           velop the revised table of income protection al-  
3           lowances by increasing each of the dollar  
4           amounts contained in the table of income pro-  
5           tection allowances under section 477(b)(4) by a  
6           percentage equal to the estimated percentage  
7           increase in the Consumer Price Index (as deter-  
8           mined by the Secretary) between December  
9           2014 and the December next preceding the be-  
10          ginning of such academic year, and rounding  
11          the result to the nearest \$10.”; and

12          (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “shall be de-  
13          veloped” and all that follows through the period at  
14          the end and inserting “shall be developed for each  
15          academic year after academic year 2016–2017, by  
16          increasing each of the dollar amounts contained in  
17          such section for academic year 2016–2017 by a per-  
18          centage equal to the estimated percentage increase  
19          in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the  
20          Secretary) between December 2014 and the Decem-  
21          ber next preceding the beginning of such academic  
22          year, and rounding the result to the nearest \$10.”.

23          (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
24          this section shall be effective on July 1, 2016.

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