

## HR 1499

District of Columbia College Access Improvement Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Apr 4, 2001

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 107-157.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 107-157. (Apr 4, 2002)

**Law:** 107-157 (Enacted Apr 4, 2002)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/1499>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** DC • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11]	R · VA		Apr 4, 2001
Rep. Morella, Constance A. [R-MD-8]	R · MD		Apr 4, 2001

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred to	Sep 10, 2001
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 26, 2001

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HRES 364	Related bill	<b>Mar 12, 2002:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## Summary (as of Dec 12, 2001)

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District of Columbia College Access Improvement Act of 2001 - Revises eligibility requirements for tuition assistance under the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 (the Act) to allow the following to be eligible for such assistance: (1) applicants who graduated from a secondary school or received the recognized equivalent of a secondary school diploma before January 1, 1998, and are currently enrolled at an eligible institution as of the enactment of this Act, and were domiciled in the District of Columbia for not less than 12 consecutive months preceding the commencement of the freshman year at an institution of higher education; (2) applicants re-enrolling after more than a three-year break in their post-secondary education who have been domiciled in the District for at least five consecutive years at the application date; (3) applicants who did not graduate from a secondary school or receive a recognized equivalent of a secondary school diploma, but are accepted for enrollment as a freshman at an eligible institution on or after January 1, 2002; and (4) applicants who graduated from a secondary school or received the recognized equivalent of such school diploma before January 1, 1998 and are currently enrolled at an eligible institution as of the enactment of this Act. Requires all eligible students to meet the citizenship and immigration status requirements described in the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Amends the Act: (1) to allow individuals who attend private historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) nationwide (currently, HBCUs whose main campuses are located in Maryland and Virginia) to participate in such Tuition Assistance Program; and (2) to prohibit the Mayor from using more than seven percent of the total amount of Federal funds appropriated for such Program, retroactive to the Act's enactment, for the Program's administrative expenses.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the District of Columbia may appropriate such local funds as necessary for the Program.

Requires the District government to establish a dedicated account for the Resident Tuition Support Program that shall consist of the Federal funds appropriated to the Program in this Act and any subsequent appropriations, any unobligated balances from prior fiscal years, and any interest earned in this or any fiscal years. Authorizes the use of such funds to help pay the cost of tuition and fees for eligible students to attend eligible institutions if the fiscal year appropriation for that year is insufficient to cover the cost of tuition and fees for that year.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 4, 2002:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 4, 2002:** Became Public Law No: 107-157.
- **Mar 25, 2002:** Presented to President.
- **Mar 15, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 14, 2002:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1499 by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1953-1954; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR S1953)
- **Mar 14, 2002:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1499 by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1953-1954; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR S1953)
- **Mar 12, 2002:** Resolving differences -- House actions: House agreed to Senate amendments with amendment pursuant to H. Res. 364.
- **Mar 12, 2002:** House agreed to Senate amendments with amendment pursuant to H. Res. 364.
- **Dec 13, 2001:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 12, 2001:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S13078; text as reported in Senate: CR S13078)
- **Dec 12, 2001:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 12, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 12, 2001:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 29, 2001:** Committee on Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 107-101.
- **Nov 29, 2001:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 244.
- **Nov 14, 2001:** Committee on Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 10, 2001:** Committee on Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia took the following actions.
- **Aug 2, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 30, 2001:** Mrs. Morella moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 30, 2001:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4811-4813)
- **Jul 30, 2001:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1499.
- **Jul 30, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4811)
- **Jul 30, 2001:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4811)
- **Jul 30, 2001:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 25, 2001:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 25, 2001:** Ordered to be Reported.
- **Jun 26, 2001:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2001:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 23, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on District of Columbia.
- **Apr 5, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E572)
- **Apr 4, 2001:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 4, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.

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