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S 1793

Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Education
Introduced: Dec 10, 2001

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 107-122.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 107-122. (Jan 15, 2002)

Law: 107-122 (Enacted Jan 15, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • State: ME • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (17 total)

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	$D \cdot ND$		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	$R \cdot OH$		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	$R \cdot WY$		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]	$R \cdot NH$		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Hutchinson, Tim [R-AR]	$R \cdot AR$		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	$R \cdot AL$		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 10, 2001
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	$R \cdot NV$		Dec 11, 2001
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Dec 11, 2001
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Dec 11, 2001
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 13, 2001
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$		Dec 13, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 12, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 3086	Identical bill	Oct 24, 2001: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
107 S 1570	Related bill	Oct 18, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Dec 12, 2001)

Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2001 - Authorizes the Secretary of Education to waive or modify certain requirements of student financial aid programs under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as necessary in connection with the national emergency declared by the President with respect to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, or any subsequent national emergency declared by reason of terrorist attacks (the emergency). Authorizes such waiver or modification of requirements in order to provide relief from certain financial and administrative burdens to affected individuals who: (1) are serving on active duty during the emergency; (2) are serving on National Guard duty during the emergency; (3) reside or are employed in a disaster area declared by any Federal, State, or local official in connection with the emergency; or (4) suffered direct economic hardship as a direct result of the emergency, as determined under a waiver or modification issued under this Act. Authorizes waiver or modification of certain reporting requirements for institutions of higher education, lenders, guarantee agencies, and other entities participating in such programs, if such entities are located in declared disaster areas connected to the emergency.

Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) all institutions offering postsecondary education should provide a full refund to students who are members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty during the national emergency, for that portion of a period of instruction the student was unable to complete, or for which the individual did not receive academic credit, because he or she was called up for such service; and (2) if affected individuals withdraw from a course of study as a result of such service, such institutions should make every effort to minimize deferral of enrollment or reapplication requirements and should provide the greatest flexibility possible with administrative deadlines related to those applications.

Actions Timeline

- Jan 15, 2002: Signed by President.
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- Jan 15, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-122.
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- Jan 3, 2002: Presented to President.
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- Dec 20, 2001: Mr. McKeon moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Dec 20, 2001: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR 12/19/2001 H10891-10892)
- Dec 20, 2001: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1793.
- Dec 20, 2001: At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Miller, George objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- Dec 20, 2001: Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10938)
- Dec 20, 2001: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 12/19/2001 H10893-10899)
- Dec 20, 2001: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 12/19/2001 H10893-10899)
- Dec 20, 2001: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Dec 17, 2001: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Dec 17, 2001: Received in the House.
- Dec 17, 2001: Held at the desk.
- Dec 14, 2001: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13311; text as passed Senate: CR S13311-13312)
- Dec 14, 2001: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S13311; text as passed Senate: CR S13311-13312)
- Dec 12, 2001: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Kennedy without amendment. Without written report.
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- Dec 12, 2001: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 278.
- Dec 10, 2001: Introduced in Senate
- Dec 10, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.