

## HR 3039

Expanding Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2003

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 10, 2003

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Sep 9, 2003)

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Expanding Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2003 - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) to revise and reauthorize various programs and provisions.

Repeals HEA provisions, under the definition of institution of higher education, that: (1) currently require for-profit institutions of higher education to derive at least ten percent of their revenue from funds that do not come from HEA title IV student assistance programs (the 90/10 rule); and (2) currently restrict distance education in terms of the relative number of courses an institution may offer by telecommunications, and relative number of students enrolled in such courses, for purposes of student assistance program eligibility (the 50 percent rule). (Retains such rule for correspondence courses not offered by telecommunications.)

Revises HEA title III (Institutional Aid) to extend authorizations of appropriations for: (1) part A grants for American Indian tribally controlled colleges and universities, and for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions; (2) part B grants for historically Black colleges and universities (HBCU); (3) endowment challenge grants for institutions; (4) HBCU capital financing; and (5) the minority science and engineering improvement program.

Revises HEA title V (Developing Institutions) to extend the authorization of appropriations for grants to Hispanic-serving institutions.

Revises HEA title IV (Student Assistance) to treat as independent students those currently serving on active duty in the Armed Forces for other than training purposes (thus including active duty members of the National Guard and Reserves).

Revises requirements, and extends authorizations of appropriations for, the following title IV programs: (1) Federal TRIO support services programs for disadvantaged students; (2) GEAR UP early intervention and college awareness programs for low-income students; and (3) HEP/CAMP special programs for students whose families are engaged in migrant and seasonal farmwork.

Directs the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance to study and report on the feasibility of simplifying the need analysis methodology for all for Federal student financial assistance programs and the process of applying for such assistance. Requires the Secretary of Education to initiate a redesign of the free application for Federal student aid (FAFSA). Revises requirements for a simplified needs test.

Amends the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986 to extend the authorization of appropriations in general, as well as for monitoring and evaluation, and for Federal endowment programs for Gallaudet University and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID).

Extends authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978, the Navajo Community College Act, and the United States Institute of Peace Act.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 10, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- **Sep 10, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Sep 9, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 9, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1746)
- **Sep 9, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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