

HR 2815

College Access and Affordability Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Party: Democratic • State: NJ • Chamber: Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jun 24, 2005
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Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jun 24, 2005
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Jun 24, 2005
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2005
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jun 24, 2005
Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 29, 2005
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 29, 2005
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Jun 29, 2005
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jul 11, 2005
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jul 11, 2005
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 11, 2005
Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]	D · CO		Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Sep 13, 2005
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Sep 13, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 8, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2243	Related bill	<b>Feb 2, 2006:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Jun 8, 2005)

College Access and Affordability Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) increase to \$4,000 the maximum amount of qualified tuition and related expenses eligible for the Hope Scholarship Credit and adjust such amount for inflation beginning in 2006; (2) increase to \$58,000 the modified adjusted gross income threshold for determining reductions in the allowable amount of the Hope Scholarship Credit; and (3) increase from two to four the number of years a Hope Scholarship Credit may be claimed.

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for student loan forgiveness up to \$20,000 for individuals in qualified public service positions who are not in default of their loan obligations. Defines "qualified public service positions" to include: (1) highly qualified teachers of mathematics, science, and bilingual and special education in low-income communities; (2) firefighters, police officers, or emergency medical technicians serving low-income communities; (3) nurses serving low-income communities; and (4) public or private child welfare workers.

## Actions Timeline

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