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HR 4344

To amend section 435(o) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the definition of economic hardship.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2008

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2303	Identical bill	Nov 2, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the meaning of economic hardship under the Federal Family Education Loan or Perkins Loan and related loan insurance programs.

Considers borrowers under such programs to be suffering economic hardship if they are working full-time, have a federal educational debt burden equal to at least 20% of their adjusted gross income, and the difference between their adjusted gross income minus such debt burden is less than 220% of the greater of: (1) the annual earnings of an minimum wage earner; or (2) 150% of the poverty line applicable to their family size.

Actions Timeline

- Feb 5, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
- Dec 11, 2007: Introduced in House
- Dec 11, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.