

## HR 1615

### Medical Economic Deferment for Students (MEDS) Act

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**Policy Area:** Education

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Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jun 12, 2009
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jun 18, 2009
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	May 14, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Mar 19, 2009)

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Medical Economic Deferment for Students (MEDS) Act - 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

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- **May 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.