

HR 2117

Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 22, 2011
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 29, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HRES 563	Procedurally related	Feb 28, 2012: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
112 S 1297	Identical bill	Jun 29, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2012)

Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education Act - Repeals certain Department of Education regulations that for purposes of determining whether a school is eligible to participate in programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA): (1) require institutions of higher education and postsecondary vocational institutions (except religious schools) to be legally authorized by the state in which they are situated, (2) delineate what such legal authorization requires of states and schools, and (3) define "credit hour."

Prohibits the Secretary of Education from promulgating or enforcing any regulation or rule that defines "credit hour" for any purpose under the HEA.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 29, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** Rule H. Res. 563 passed House.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 563. (consideration: CR H980-992)
- **Feb 28, 2012:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2117 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 563 and Rule XVIII.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Candice S. Miller to act as Chairwoman of the Committee.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2117.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 563, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Grijalva amendment No. 1.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Grijalva amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Grijalva demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 563, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Foxx amendment No. 2.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 563, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Polis amendment No. 3.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 563, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Bishop (NY) amendment No. 4.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Bishop (NY) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Bishop (NY) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 563, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Polis amendment No. 5.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Polis amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Ms. Foxx demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** Ms. Foxx moved that the committee rise.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 2117 as unfinished business.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H992-997)
- **Feb 28, 2012:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2117.
- **Feb 28, 2012:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H988)
- **Feb 28, 2012:** Mrs. Capps moved to recommit with instructions to Education and the Workforce. (consideration: CR H995-996; text: CR H995)
- **Feb 28, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Capps motion to recommit. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment which adds a provision entitled "PROTECTING STUDENTS FROM HIGHER LOAN COSTS AND A DEVALUED EDUCATIONAL DEGREE".

- Feb 28, 2012:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 176 - 241 (Roll no. 78).
- **Feb 28, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 303 - 114 (Roll no. 79).
 - **Feb 28, 2012:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 303 - 114 (Roll no. 79).
 - **Feb 28, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
 - **Feb 27, 2012:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 563 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2117 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill.
 - **Jul 22, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. H. Rept. 112-177.
 - **Jul 22, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 116.
 - **Jun 15, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
 - **Jun 3, 2011:** Introduced in House
 - **Jun 3, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.