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POST Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 10, 2016
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 13, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 10, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4101	Identical bill	Mar 23, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

Protecting Our Students and Taxpayers Act of 2015 or the POST Act of 2015

This bill amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) to modify requirements for a proprietary (i.e., for-profit) institution of higher education (IHE) to participate in title IV (Student Assistance) federal student aid programs.

Current law requires a proprietary IHE to derive at least 10% of its revenue from sources other than title IV federal student aid. This legislation requires a proprietary IHE to derive at least 15% of its revenue from sources other than federal funds (i.e., it replaces the so-called 90/10 rule with an 85/15 rule). It defines federal funds to mean title IV federal student aid, as well as education benefits for military personnel and veterans.

Additionally, the bill limits what a proprietary institution may treat as revenue to the school in calculating whether it derives at least 15% of its revenue from sources other than federal funds.

Finally, the bill moves the 85/15 rule from title IV to title I (General Provisions) of the HEA, making compliance a condition of institutional eligibility to participate in title IV federal student aid programs (i.e., failure to comply results in immediate loss of institutional eligibility). Currently, a proprietary IHE must violate the rule for two consecutive years before losing eligibility for title IV programs.

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