

HR 3446

Simplifying Financial Aid for Students Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]

Party: Democratic • State: TX • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1872	Identical bill	Jul 27, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Simplifying Financial Aid for Students Act of 2015**

This bill amends title IV (Student Assistance) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Department of Education (ED) to provide for the use of tax information from the second preceding tax year (the "prior, prior year") to determine a student's financial aid eligibility. It requires data sharing between the Internal Revenue Service and ED, pursuant to taxpayer consent.

The bill also increases from \$23,000 to \$30,000 the adjusted gross income threshold used to determine whether a student qualifies for an automatic zero expected family contribution (EFC) in the calculation of such student's financial need. A dependent student is eligible for an automatic zero EFC if the student's parents have adjusted gross income up to \$30,000. An independent student with non-spouse dependents is eligible for a zero EFC if the student and spouse have adjusted gross income up to \$30,000.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Sep 8, 2015:** Introduced in House
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