

HR 4101

POST Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training. (Mar 23, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]

Party: Democratic • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Nov 19, 2015
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Nov 19, 2015
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Dec 16, 2015

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2272	Identical bill	Nov 10, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7916)

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.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1657)
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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