

HR 6239

HIGHER ED Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 28, 2016
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 18, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5310	Related bill	Sep 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
114 HR 4223	Related bill	Mar 23, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
114 HR 3451	Related bill	Sep 28, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
114 S 1556	Related bill	Jun 11, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4106-4107; text of measure as introduced: CR S4107)

Helping Improve Grants for Higher Education & Repayment of Expensive Debt Act or the HIGHER ED Act

This bill amends title IV (Student Assistance) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to:

- modify the Federal Pell Grant program to increase the maximum award and restore year-round grants,
- make graduate and professional students eligible to receive subsidized Stafford Loans under the Federal Direct Loan program,
- direct the Department of Education to refinance outstanding federal student loans for Direct Loan and Federal Family Education Loan program borrowers,
- include a part-time job as a faculty member within the definition of "public service job" for purposes of the public service loan forgiveness program, and
- establish additional terms and conditions applicable to the income-based and income-contingent repayment plans.

Additionally, the bill amends the federal bankruptcy code to permit a borrower to discharge in bankruptcy a nonprofit, government, or private student loan, or an obligation to repay an educational benefit, scholarship, or stipend.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 18, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Sep 28, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 28, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.