

HR 3709

America's College Promise Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Sep 7, 2017
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Sep 7, 2017
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Sep 7, 2017
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Sep 7, 2017
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Dec 6, 2017
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Dec 6, 2017
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Feb 13, 2018
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2018
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jul 18, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 7, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6543	Related bill	Jul 26, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 S 2984	Related bill	May 24, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2936-2937)
115 HR 5785	Related bill	May 14, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
115 S 2483	Related bill	Mar 1, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Sep 7, 2017)

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This bill requires the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to states and Indian tribes to waive tuition and fees at community colleges. To receive a grant, states and Indian tribes must agree to waive tuition and fees at all their community colleges and for all eligible students.

An eligible student is a student who: (1) qualifies for resident tuition, (2) enrolls in the college and attends at least half-time, (3) maintains satisfactory academic progress, and (4) enrolls in an academic program with credits that are fully transferable to any public institution of higher education in the state or enrolls in a training program that leads to credentials in an in-demand industry.

The bill appropriates \$1.5 billion in FY2018, an increasing annual amount through FY2026, and \$15.7 billion for FY2027 and each succeeding fiscal year for grants under this community college program.

This bill also requires ED to award grants to four-year historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and other minority-serving institutions (MSIs) to waive or reduce tuition and fees for up to 60 credits for low-income students.

HBCUs and MSIs that participate must: (1) enroll a student body that contains at least 35% low-income students; (2) maintain or adopt reforms and practices to improve completion rates and student outcomes; (3) set performance goals; and (4) execute an articulation agreement with community colleges, if accepting transfer students.

It appropriates \$61 million for FY2018, an increasing annual amount through FY2026, and \$1.6 billion for FY2027 and each succeeding fiscal year for grants under this HBCU/MSI program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 7, 2017:** Introduced in House
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