

HR 4181

POST Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. (Oct 31, 2017)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 31, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2037	Identical bill	Oct 31, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6925)

Protecting Our Students and Taxpayers Act of 2017 or the POST Act of 2017

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

- **Oct 31, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 31, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1463)
- **Oct 31, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.