

HR 4508

PROSPER Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Dec 1, 2017
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Handel, Karen C. [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Lewis, Jason [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jan 12, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Reported By	Feb 8, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1635	Related bill	Sep 6, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 S 3066	Related bill	Jun 14, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 HR 4336	Related bill	Nov 9, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 S 2081	Related bill	Nov 6, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 HR 3957	Related bill	Oct 4, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 HR 3774	Related bill	Sep 14, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 HR 2679	Related bill	May 25, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 HR 1123	Related bill	Feb 16, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Summary (as of Dec 1, 2017)

Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform Act or the PROSPER Act

This bill amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to revise the governance of federal financial aid provided to students pursuing a postsecondary education and institutions of higher education (IHEs), including by:

- removing restrictions on providing aid to for-profit institutions, correspondence courses, and certificate programs;
- modifying the eligibility requirements for IHEs and students to participate in federal student aid programs;
- revising accountability measures for IHEs, such as adding new measures for minority-serving institutions;
- requiring IHEs to implement programs to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees;
- prohibiting aid to IHEs that deny religious student organizations the rights, benefits, or privileges that are afforded to other organizations;
- limiting the Department of Education's authority to issue regulations;
- revising requirements concerning sexual assault on campuses;
- authorizing an industry-led apprenticeship grant program;
- reauthorizing through FY2024 and revising specified programs, including the Federal Pell Grant program, the Federal Work-Study programs, and an aid program for students whose families are seasonal farm workers;
- revising requirements governing the Federal TRIO programs for students from disadvantaged backgrounds;
- repealing specified grant programs (e.g., the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program) and loan forgiveness programs (e.g., Public Service Loan Forgiveness) for new borrowers;
- replacing the existing student loan programs (i.e., the Federal Direct Loan program and the Federal Family Education Loan program) with a single loan program (i.e., ONE loan program);
- revising student loan limits for undergraduate students and establishing loan limits for graduate students; and
- replacing existing student loan repayment plans with an income-based repayment plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 8, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. H. Rept. 115-550.
- **Feb 8, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 413.
- **Dec 13, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 17.
- **Dec 1, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 1, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.