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College for All Act of 2017

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 3, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 3, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 3, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 3, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 3, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 7, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 3, 2017

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1880	Identical bill	Apr 4, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 HR 1614	Related bill	Mar 17, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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This bill amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) to establish a grant program to eliminate tuition and required fees: (1) for all students at community colleges and two-year tribal colleges and universities, and (2) for working- and middle-class students at four-year public institutions of higher education (IHEs).

Additionally, the bill amends title IV (Student Assistance) of the HEA to:

- reauthorize the Federal TRIO Programs, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (i.e., GEAR UP), and the Federal Work Study Program for FY2018-FY2027;
- eliminate existing base guarantees of Federal Work Study funds to IHEs and require funds to be allocated based solely on the aggregate need of the institution's students;
- modify the interest rate formulas for federal student loans to revise applicable rates on new loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2017; and
- allow student loan borrowers to modify interest rates on outstanding federal student loans to current rates.

Finally, it directs the Department of Education to use any excess revenue generated by the Federal Direct Loan program to carry out the Federal Pell Grant program.

Actions Timeline

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