

HR 3101

AID Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 24, 2019
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 5, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4674	Related bill	Dec 28, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 583.
116 S 5079	Related bill	Dec 21, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 1075	Related bill	Jan 30, 2020: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Trone asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1075, a bill originally introduced by Representative Elijah Cummings, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
116 HR 4876	Related bill	Oct 28, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 HR 3497	Related bill	Jun 26, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 S 1496	Related bill	May 15, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 2129	Related bill	Apr 8, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 S 839	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1905)
116 S 416	Related bill	Feb 7, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1137; text: CR S1137-1138)
116 HR 792	Related bill	Jan 25, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Achieving Independence through Degrees Act or the AID Act

This bill revises certain federal student-aid programs. Among other things, it expands access to Pell Grants, expands loan counseling requirements, revises the Federal Work-Study Program, updates the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process, and extends Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) benefits to certain students.

First, it expands access to Pell Grants by (1) increasing the maximum award and indexing it for inflation, (2) increasing the semester eligibility limit to 15 semesters, and (3) extending eligibility to certain short-term workforce training programs.

It modifies student loan counseling requirements applicable to institutions of higher education (IHEs) by requiring annual financial counseling and expanding exit counseling. The Department of Education (ED) must maintain an online counseling tool that provides annual and exit counseling.

Additionally, it permanently reauthorizes the Federal Work-Study Program and otherwise revises the program, including by allocating program funds to IHEs based on the amount of Pell Grant funds received by each IHE. It establishes a pilot program that provides work-based learning opportunities for students who demonstrate exceptional financial need.

It requires ED to allow students to complete FAFSA as independent students under special circumstances. It repeals a provision that makes students convicted of drug-related offenses ineligible for federal student aid and prohibits ED from asking about drug-related convictions on FAFSA.

The bill also allows certain students, including those who have an expected family contribution of zero, to qualify for SNAP benefits.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 24, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- **Jun 5, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 5, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.

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