HR 1739

Higher Education Reform and Opportunity Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]
Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 27, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 801	Related bill	**Feb 27, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Feb 27, 2025)

Higher Education Reform and Opportunity Act

This bill revises requirements governing student loans and the accreditation of institutions of higher education (IHEs).

Specifically, the bill consolidates federal student loans into one student loan program and phases out loan forgiveness for borrowers.

Additionally, the bill makes postsecondary education courses and programs (e.g., apprenticeship programs) that provide credits toward a postsecondary certification, credential, or degree eligible for federal student aid funding if the courses and programs are accredited by a state that has an alternative accreditation agreement with the Department of Education (ED).

The bill requires IHEs to publish certain enrollment and financial aid information, including (1) the percentage of former financial aid recipients who are employed at various intervals following graduation, and (2) the average amount of total federal student loan debt accrued upon graduation. The Government Accountability Office must compile, study, and report on all such information published by IHEs. Further, the bill prohibits the disclosure of personally identifiable information and directs ED to establish penalties for violations.

Lastly, the bill requires an IHE to pay a default rate fine for a fiscal year in an amount that is equal to the applicable percentage of outstanding federal student loans (i.e., the total amount of loans issued to students for attendance at the IHE for which regular on-time payments are not being made). An IHE shall receive a $400 credit for each graduate of the IHE who received a Federal Pell Grant while enrolled at the IHE during the fiscal year.

Actions Timeline

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