

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act 2003

The following chart outlines key details of the House and Senate reauthorization bills released so far. These bills will form the basis of the comprehensive legislation that will reauthorize the Higher Education Act of 1965. For current status and all legislative language, go to <http://thomas.loc.gov> and type in the bill number.

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Bill Number	Title	Action	Highlights of Selected Provisions
H.R.438 , (R)	Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act	<i>Introduced--</i> 1/29/03 House-passed 7/9/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases student loan forgiveness to \$17,500 for certain eligible teachers of: (1) secondary school mathematics or science; and (2) elementary or secondary school special education or reading. • Requires such teachers to be highly qualified and to teach for five consecutive years in schools with high enrollments of low-income students. • Retains current \$5,000 forgiveness level for teachers of other subjects.
H.R.2211 , (R)	Ready to Teach Act	<i>Introduced--</i> 5/22/03 House-passed 7/9/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises and reauthorizes Teacher Quality Enhancement under Title II. • Establishes new "Centers of Excellence" to recruit and prepare teachers, including minority teachers, to become highly qualified K-12 teachers. Requires such Centers to be established at higher education institutions serving minorities.
H.R.3076 , (R)	Graduate Opportunities in Higher	<i>Introduced--</i> 9/11/03 House-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises requirements for Graduate and Postsecondary Improvement Programs under Title VII. • Reauthorizes appropriations for the Javits

	Education Act	passed 10/21/03	Fellowship program, the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) program, the Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity program, the Secretary's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), and for demonstration projects to ensure that students with disabilities receive a quality higher education.
H.R.3077 , (R)	International Studies in Higher Education Act	<i>Introduced--</i> 9/11/03 House- passed 10/21/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises requirements and reauthorizes appropriations for International Education Programs—including international and foreign language studies—under Title VI. • Establishes an independent International Education Advisory Board to advise Congress and the Secretary on Title VI programs with respect to homeland security, international education, international affairs, and foreign language training.

<p>H.R.3039, (R)</p>	<p>Expanding Opportunities in Higher Education Act</p>	<p><i>Introduced--</i> 9/9/03 House-subcommittee hearing 9/10/03</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a single definition for "institution of higher education." • Repeals the "90/10 Rule," which mandates that for-profit colleges show that at least 10% of the revenue they receive comes from sources other than Title IV of the HEA. • Repeals the "50% Rule," which prohibits institutions from having more than 50% of their students enrolled in distance education programs, or offering more than 50% of their courses via distance education. • Amends the "independent student" definition to include members of the National Guard or reserves engaged in active duty service. • Requires the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance to study the feasibility of simplifying the federal methodology and application process and to report to Congress on its findings within one year of the date of enactment. • Requires the Secretary to implement a redesigned application form and report to Congress on related progress within one year of the Advisory Committee report. • Adds "means-tested federal benefit programs" (such as supplemental security income program, the food stamp program, and the free and reduced price school lunch program) to the eligibility criteria for simplified needs test and automatic zero consideration.
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<p>H.R.3311, (R)</p>	<p>Affordability in Higher Education Act</p>	<p><i>Introduced-- 10/16/03</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a College Affordability Index, a "standard measure" by which students and parents can understand and compare tuition and fee increases. • Determines a school's index number by comparing such increases over a three-year period (starting in 2005-2006) to increases in the rate of inflation for that same time period. • Makes Affordability Index information available to families through a user-friendly Department of Education Web site. • Mandates that if a school increases its tuition and fees by more than two times the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over a three-year period (i.e., if it has an Affordability Index score above 2.0), that institution must take specific steps to control costs, including reports to the Department and submission of a management plan. • Invokes Title IV sanctions beginning in the 2011 school year. • Exempts low-cost colleges from any possible sanctions. • Establishes a College Affordability Demonstration Program for supporting innovative approaches to higher education. • Creates requirements, as conditions of participation in HEA student aid programs, for institutions of higher education and accrediting agencies with respect to acceptance of transfers of student credits.
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H.R.3180 , (D)	College Opportunity Act for All	<i>Introduced-- 9/25/03</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases Pell Grant maximum. • Authorizes year-round Pell Grant pilot program. • Eliminates Pell Grant tuition sensitivity provision. • Establishes Centers of Excellence to recruit and prepare teachers, including minority teachers. • Changes the IPA for dependent and independent students to \$9,000. • Eliminates origination fees and increases student loan forgiveness for certain public service employment. • Eliminates the "Single Holder rule." • Allows refinancing of consolidation loans. • Eliminates the drug conviction student eligibility criterion. • Creates the FAFSA-EZ to simplify the student aid process. • Requires the Secretary to attempt to reduce FAFSA data items by 50%. • Expands voluntary flexible agreements to any guaranty agencies. • Maintains the current FM State/Other tax tables.
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H.R.3519 , (D)	College Affordability and Accountability Act	<i>Introduced-- 11/19/03</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires state maintenance of effort for public schools. • Requires schools to submit a five-year plan on cost containment strategies within two years of date of enactment. • Requires Secretary to report annually on college
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			<p>affordability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires Secretary to establish a college price calculator so families can find the sticker price, net tuition price, and net access price for a specific income bracket.• Establishes a Higher Education Price Index to measure change in a fixed market basket of goods and services purchased by schools using current fund educational and general expenditures.• Creates a 25% Pell Grant incentive for maintaining low tuition.• Creates a 10% Pell Grant reward for guaranteeing tuition amounts.• For schools whose net tuition price increase is greater than the percentage increase in the Higher Education Price Index, the Secretary will require a report detailing the causes of the increases as well as cost containment strategies.
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<p>S. 1793, (D)</p>	<p>College Quality, Affordability, and Diversity Act</p>	<p><i>Introduced-- 10/28/03</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases Pell Grant maximums through directed scoring. • Expands Hope Scholarship tax credit by (1) doubling maximum to \$3,000; (2) making it refundable; and (3) extending it to four years of undergraduate study. • Eliminates origination fees for subsidized Stafford Loans and mandates parallel fees and terms for Direct and FFEL unsubsidized Stafford. • Creates "Direct Loan Reward Program" offering additional FSEOG funds to DL schools under specified conditions. • Implements cost proposals that would: (1) impose a state maintenance of effort requirement affecting public schools; (2) authorize funding for consortia which attempt to reduce college costs; (3) mandate that the Secretary conduct a college-cost summit; and (4) require institutional "truth-in-tuition" disclosure specifying extent and average amount of tuition and fee discounts. • Establishes one-time refinancing authority for federal consolidation loans. • Increases IPAs for dependent students (to \$9,000), for independent students without dependents (to \$13,000), and for independent students with dependents (to \$18,000 flat). • Requires Secretary to consult with appropriate Congressional committees before revising the FM State/Other tax tables.
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