

*And 20 - attached
(amended by VC)*

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4508
OFFERED BY MS. BLUNT ROCHESTER OF DELA-
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In section 117, add at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 125. EXCEPTION TO REQUIRED REGISTRATION WITH**
2 **SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM.**

3 “Notwithstanding section 12(f) of the Military Selec-
4 tive Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3811(f)), a person shall not
5 be ineligible for assistance or a benefit provided under title
6 IV if the person is required under section 3 of such Act
7 (50 U.S.C. 3802) to present himself for and submit to
8 registration under such section, and fails to do so in ac-
9 cordance with any proclamation, rule, or regulation issued
10 under such section.”.

Strike part F of title IV and insert the following:

11 **PART F—EXCEPTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION**

12 **SEC. 471. EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION.**

13 (a) **SPECIAL RULE.**—Section 473(b) (20 U.S.C.
14 1087mm)—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “academic
2 year” and inserting “award year”; and

3 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “academic
4 year 2009–2010 and succeeding academic years”
5 and inserting “award year 2018–2019 and suc-
6 ceeding award years”.

7 (b) DATA ELEMENTS.—Section 474(b) (20 U.S.C.
8 1087nn(b)) is amended in paragraph (4), by inserting be-
9 fore “the net” the following: “only in the case of a path-
10 way three applicant,”.

11 (c) DEPENDENT STUDENTS.—Section 475 (20
12 U.S.C. 1087oo)—

13 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by inserting before
14 “the student” the following: “only in the case of a
15 pathway three applicant,”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by inserting before
17 “the parents’” the following: “only in the case of a
18 pathway three applicant,”; and

19 (3) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “award pe-
20 riod” and inserting “award year”.

21 (d) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPEND-
22 ENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 476(a)(1)(B)
23 (20 U.S.C. 1087pp(a)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting be-
24 fore “the family’s contribution” the following: “only in the
25 case of a pathway three applicant,”.

1 (e) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS
2 OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 477(a)(1)(B) (20
3 U.S.C. 1087qq(a)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting before
4 “the family’s contribution” the following: “only in the case
5 of a pathway three applicant,”.

6 **SEC. 472. INCREASING SUPPORT FOR WORKING STUDENTS**
7 **BY 35 PERCENT.**

8 (a) DEPENDENT STUDENTS.—Section 475(g)(2)(D)
9 (20 U.S.C. 1087oo(g)(2)(D)) is amended to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(D) an income protection allowance (or a
12 successor amount prescribed by the Secretary
13 under section 478) of \$9,010 for award year
14 2018–2019;”.

15 (b) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPEND-
16 ENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 476 (20 U.S.C.
17 1087pp)—

18 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “award pe-
19 riod” and inserting “award year”; and

20 (2) by amending subsection (b)(1)(A)(iv) to
21 read as follows:

22 “(iv) an income protection allowance
23 (or a successor amount prescribed by the
24 Secretary under section 478)—

1 “(I) for single or separated stu-
 2 dents, or married students where both
 3 are enrolled pursuant to subsection
 4 (a)(2), of \$14,010 for award year
 5 2018–2019; and

6 “(II) for married students where
 7 1 is enrolled pursuant to subsection
 8 (a)(2), of \$22,460 for award year
 9 2018–2019;”.

10 (c) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS
 11 OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 477 (20 U.S.C.
 12 1087qq)—

13 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “award pe-
 14 riod” and inserting “award year”; and

15 (2) by amending subsection (b)(4) to read as
 16 follows:

17 “(4) INCOME PROTECTION ALLOWANCE.—The
 18 income protection allowance is determined by the fol-
 19 lowing table (or a successor table prescribed by the
 20 Secretary under section 478), for award year 2018–
 21 2019:

Family Size (including student)	Number in College					For each additional subtract:
	1	2	3	4	5	
2	\$35,470	\$29,410				\$6,030
3	44,170	38,130	\$32,070			
4	54,540	45,490	42,450	\$36,370		
5	64,360	58,280	52,240	46,190	\$40,160	
6	75,260	69,210	63,190	57,090	51,070	
For each						

"Income Protection Allowance—Continued

Family Size (including student)	Number in College					For each additional subtract:
	1	2	3	4	5	
additional add:	8,500					"

1 (d) UPDATED TABLES AND AMOUNTS.—Section 478
2 (20 U.S.C. 1087rr) is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
5 graphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each award year
7 after award year 2018–2019, the Secretary
8 shall publish in the Federal Register a revised
9 table of income protection allowances for the
10 purpose of sections 475(c)(4) and 477(b)(4),
11 subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C).

12 “(B) TABLE FOR INDEPENDENT STU-
13 DENTS.—For each award year after award year
14 2018–2019, the Secretary shall develop the re-
15 vised table of income protection allowances by
16 increasing each of the dollar amounts contained
17 in the table of income protection allowances
18 under section 477(b)(4) by a percentage equal
19 to the estimated percentage increase in the
20 Consumer Price Index (as determined by the
21 Secretary for the most recent calendar year

1 ending prior to the beginning of the award year
2 for which the determination is being made), and
3 rounding the result to the nearest \$10.”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
6 “academic year after academic year 2007–
7 2008” and inserting “award year after
8 award year 2018–2019”; and

9 (ii) in the second sentence, by striking
10 “shall be developed” and all that follows
11 through the period at the end and insert-
12 ing “shall be developed for each award
13 year after award year 2018–2019, by in-
14 creasing each of the dollar amounts con-
15 tained in such section for award year
16 2018–2019 by a percentage equal to the
17 estimated percentage increase in the Con-
18 sumer Price Index (as determined by the
19 Secretary for the most recent calendar
20 year ending prior to the beginning of the
21 award year for which the determination is
22 being made), and rounding the result to
23 the nearest \$10.”; and

24 (2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “academic
25 year” and inserting “award year”.

1 **SEC. 473. ZERO EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION.**

2 Section 479 (20 U.S.C. 1087ss) is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 **“SEC. 479. ZERO EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION.**

5 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary shall consider an
6 applicant to have an expected family contribution equal
7 to zero if—

8 **“(1) in the case of a dependent student—**

9 **“(A)(i) the student’s parents file, or are el-**
10 **igible to file, a qualifying form or certify that**
11 **the parents are not required to file a Federal**
12 **income tax return; and**

13 **“(ii) the sum of the adjusted gross income**
14 **of the parents is less than or equal to \$34,000;**
15 **or**

16 **“(B) the student’s parents, or the student,**
17 **received benefits at some time during the pre-**
18 **vious 24-month period under a means-tested**
19 **Federal benefit program;**

20 **“(2) in the case of an independent student**
21 **without regard to whether the student has depend-**
22 **ents other than a spouse—**

23 **“(A)(i) the student (and the student’s**
24 **spouse, if any) files, or is eligible to file, a**
25 **qualifying form or certifies that the student**

1 (and the student's spouse, if any) is not re-
2 quired to file a Federal income tax return; and

3 “(ii) the sum of the adjusted gross income
4 of the student and spouse (if appropriate) is
5 less than or equal to \$34,000; or

6 “(B) the student received benefits at some
7 time during the previous 24-month period
8 under a means-tested Federal benefit program;
9 or

10 “(3) the applicant is a pathway one applicant
11 under section 483(a)(13).

12 “(b) EARNED INCOME CREDIT.—An individual is not
13 required to qualify or file for the earned income credit in
14 order to be eligible under this section.

15 “(c) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary shall annually
16 adjust the income level necessary to qualify an applicant
17 for the zero expected family contribution. The income level
18 shall be annually increased by the estimated percentage
19 change in the Consumer Price Index, as defined in section
20 478(f), for the most recent calendar year ending prior to
21 the beginning of an award year, and rounded to the near-
22 est \$1,000.

23 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) QUALIFYING FORM.—The term ‘qualifying
25 form’ means, in the case of an independent student,

1 the student, or in the case of a dependent student,
2 the family, files—

3 “(A) a form 1040A or 1040EZ (including
4 any prepared or electronic version of such form)
5 required pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code
6 of 1986;

7 “(B) a form 1040 (including any prepared
8 or electronic version of such form) required
9 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
10 except that such form shall be considered a
11 qualifying form only if the student or family
12 files such form in order to take a tax credit
13 under section 25A of the Internal Revenue
14 Code of 1986, and would otherwise be eligible
15 to file a form described in subparagraph (A); or

16 “(C) an income tax return (including any
17 prepared or electronic version of such return)
18 required pursuant to the tax code of the Com-
19 monwealth of Puerto Rico,^v Guam, American *Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,*
20 Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Republic of the
21 Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Mi-
22 cronesia, or Palau.

23 “(2) MEANS-TESTED FEDERAL BENEFIT PRO-
24 GRAM.—For purposes of this paragraph, a ‘means-
25 tested Federal benefit program’ means a mandatory

1 spending program of the Federal Government, other
2 than a program under this title, in which eligibility
3 for the program's benefits, or the amount of such
4 benefits, are determined on the basis of income or
5 resources of the individual or family seeking the ben-
6 efit, and may include such programs as—

7 “(A) the supplemental security income pro-
8 gram under title XVI of the Social Security Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

10 “(B) the supplemental nutrition assistance
11 program under the Food and Nutrition Act of
12 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

13 “(C) the program of block grants for
14 States for temporary assistance for needy fami-
15 lies established under part A of title IV of the
16 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

17 “(D) the special supplemental nutrition
18 program for women, infants, and children es-
19 tablished by section 17 of the Child Nutrition
20 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786);

21 “(E) the State Medicaid program under
22 title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1396 et seq.); and

24 “(F) other program identified by the Sec-
25 retary.”.

1 **SEC. 474. USING DATA FROM THE SECOND PRECEDING**
2 **YEAR.**

3 Section 480(a)(1)(B) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(a)(1)(B)) is
4 amended by striking “may” in both places it appears and
5 inserting “shall”.

6 **SEC. 475. CHANGES TO UNTAXED INCOME AND BENEFITS.**

7 Section 480(b) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), to read as follows:

9 “(1) The term ‘untaxed income and benefits’
10 means—

11 “(A) child support received;

12 “(B) untaxed portion of pensions; and

13 “(C) payments to individual retirement ac-
14 counts and Keogh accounts excluded from in-
15 come for Federal income tax purposes.”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (2)—

17 (A) by striking “or” at the end of subpara-
18 graph (E);

19 (B) by striking the period at the end of
20 subparagraph (F) and inserting a semicolon;
21 and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(G) workman’s compensation;

24 “(H) veteran’s benefits such as death pen-
25 sion, dependency, and indemnity compensation,

1 but excluding veterans' education benefits as
2 defined in subsection (c);

3 "(I) interest on tax-free bonds;

4 "(J) housing, food, and other allowances
5 (excluding rent subsidies for low-income hous-
6 ing) for military, clergy, and others (including
7 cash payments and cash value of benefits), ex-
8 cept that the value of on-base military housing
9 or the value of basic allowance for housing de-
10 termined under section 403(b) of title 37,
11 United States Code, received by the parents, in
12 the case of a dependent student, or the student
13 or student's spouse, in the case of an inde-
14 pendent student, shall be excluded;

15 "(K) cash support or any money paid on
16 the student's behalf, except, for dependent stu-
17 dents, funds provided by the student's parents;
18 and

19 "(L) any other untaxed income and bene-
20 fits, such as Black Lung Benefits, Refugee As-
21 sistance, or railroad retirement benefits, or ben-
22 efits received through participation in employ-
23 ment and training activities under title I of the
24 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
25 2801 et seq.)."

1 **SEC. 476. EFFECTIVE DATE; ORDERLY TRANSITION.**

2 (a) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
3 this part shall take effect with respect to the first award
4 year beginning after the first October after the date of
5 enactment of this Act and each succeeding award year.

6 (b) **ORDERLY TRANSITION.**—The Secretary of Edu-
7 cation shall take such steps as are necessary to provide
8 for the orderly transition to, and implementation of, the
9 amendments made by this part. The authority provided
10 in the preceding sentence shall cease on the day that is
11 one year after the effective date of this part.

Strike section 484 and insert the following:

12 **SEC. 484. SIMPLIFYING THE FAFSA.**

13 (a) **FAFSA PATHWAYS.**—Section 483(a) (20 U.S.C.
14 1090) is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(13) **FAFSA PATHWAYS.**—

16 “(A) **MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-**
17 **STANDING.**—Not later than the July 1, 2018,
18 the Secretary shall seek to enter into a Memo-
19 randum of Understanding with the Secretary of
20 Health and Human Services, the Secretary of
21 Agriculture, and the Secretary of the Treasury,
22 under which any information exchanged under
23 an income and eligibility verification system es-
24 tablished pursuant to section 1137 of the Social

1 Security Act by State agencies administering a
2 program listed in paragraph (1), (4), or (5) of
3 subsection (b) of such section which may be of
4 use in establishing or verifying eligibility or
5 benefit amounts under such program shall be
6 made available to the Secretary of Education to
7 assist in determining whether the applicant (or
8 the applicant's parents) received a benefit
9 under a means-tested Federal benefit program
10 at some time during the previous 24-month pe-
11 riod under a means-tested Federal benefit pro-
12 gram, but subject to the requirements of Fed-
13 eral law.

14 “(B) REQUIREMENT FOR ALL APPLICANTS
15 AND THE SECRETARY.—For any award year for
16 which an applicant applies for financial assist-
17 ance under this title (except for any award year
18 for which, pursuant to paragraph (14), the ap-
19 plicant is not required to submit a FAFSA)—

20 “(i) the applicant shall provide on the
21 form described in this subsection whether
22 the applicant received, or in the case of a
23 dependent applicant, whether the parents
24 of the applicant received, a benefit under a
25 means-tested Federal benefit program at

1 some time during the previous 24-month
2 period under a means-tested Federal ben-
3 efit program; and

4 “(ii) the Secretary, to the extent prac-
5 ticable and pursuant to the Memorandum
6 of Understanding entered into under sub-
7 paragraph (A), and without any further
8 action by the applicant, shall verify the ap-
9 plicant’s (or the applicant’s parents) re-
10 ceipt of such benefit.

11 “(C) PATHWAY ONE APPLICANTS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an
13 applicant who received, or in the case of a
14 dependent applicant, whose parents re-
15 ceived, benefits at some time during the
16 previous 24-month period under a means-
17 tested Federal benefit program, the appli-
18 cant shall not be required to provide any
19 further income or asset information on the
20 form under this subsection.

21 “(ii) DESIGNATION.—For purposes of
22 this section and part F, an applicant de-
23 scribed in clause (i) shall be referred to as
24 a ‘pathway one applicant’.

25 “(D) PATHWAY TWO APPLICANTS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an
2 applicant who is not a pathway one appli-
3 cant and who is not required to file or, in
4 the case of a dependent applicant, no par-
5 ent of the applicant is required to file, any
6 schedule (other than a schedule R, sched-
7 ule 8812, or schedule EIC) with a Federal
8 income tax return, the Secretary, to the ex-
9 tent practicable, shall use the data re-
10 trieval tool under section 484(q) to obtain
11 any information for the applicant beyond
12 the information described in subparagraph
13 (A) for purposes of the form under this
14 subsection.

15 “(ii) DESIGNATION.—For purposes of
16 this section and part F, an applicant de-
17 scribed in clause (i) shall be referred to as
18 a ‘pathway two applicant’.

19 “(E) PATHWAY THREE APPLICANTS.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an
21 applicant who is not a pathway one appli-
22 cant or a pathway two applicant, the Sec-
23 retary, to the extent practicable, shall use
24 the data retrieval tool under section 484(q)
25 to obtain any information for the applicant

1 beyond the information described in sub-
2 paragraph (A) for purposes of the form
3 under this subsection.

4 “(ii) DESIGNATION.—For purposes of
5 this section and part F, an applicant de-
6 scribed in clause (i) shall be referred to as
7 a ‘pathway three applicant’.

8 “(F) MEANS-TESTED FEDERAL BENEFIT
9 PROGRAM DEFINED.—For purposes of this
10 paragraph, the term ‘means-tested Federal ben-
11 efit program’ has the meaning given the term
12 in section 479(d)(2).”.

13 (b) ONE-TIME FAFSA FILING FOR DEPENDENT
14 STUDENTS.—Section 483(a) (20 U.S.C. 1090(a)) is fur-
15 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(14) ONE-TIME FAFSA FILING FOR DEPEND-
17 ENT STUDENTS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
19 other provision of this section and subject to
20 subparagraphs (B) and (C), an applicant who
21 submits a FAFSA for the first time during the
22 period required for the completion of the first
23 undergraduate baccalaureate course of study
24 being pursued by such applicant and is deter-
25 mined to be a dependent student who is eligible

1 to receive a Federal Pell Grant for the award
2 year for which the applicant submitted such
3 FAFSA, for any succeeding award year—

4 “(i) for which the applicant does not
5 submit a FAFSA and for which the appli-
6 cant submits a certification form described
7 in subparagraph (D) based upon which the
8 Secretary confirms that the applicant is a
9 dependent student for such year, such ap-
10 plicant—

11 “(I) shall not be required to sub-
12 mit a FAFSA to receive financial as-
13 sistance under this title; and

14 “(II) shall have an expected fam-
15 ily contribution for such year that is
16 equal to the expected family contribu-
17 tion of the applicant determined for
18 the award year for which the appli-
19 cant submitted a FAFSA during such
20 period, except that an adjustment to
21 such expected family contribution may
22 be made under section 479A;

23 “(ii) for which the applicant submits a
24 FAFSA, such applicant—

1 “(I) shall have an expected fam-
2 ily contribution for such year that is
3 determined based on such FAFSA;
4 and

5 “(II) shall be required to submit
6 a FAFSA for any other award year
7 for which the applicant seeks financial
8 assistance under this title; and

9 “(iii) for which the applicant is deter-
10 mined to be an independent student or
11 does not submit a certification form de-
12 scribed in subparagraph (D), such appli-
13 cant shall submit a FAFSA for such suc-
14 ceeding award year and any other award
15 year for which the applicant seeks financial
16 assistance under this title.

17 “(B) ADJUSTMENT OF EXPECTED FAMILY
18 CONTRIBUTION.—With respect to an applicant
19 described in subparagraph (A)(i) who receives
20 an adjustment under section 479A to the ex-
21 pected family contribution of the applicant for
22 an award year, for any succeeding award year
23 after the award year for which the adjustment
24 was made, subclause (II) of such subparagraph
25 shall be applied to such applicant by sub-

1 stituting ‘expected family contribution of the
2 applicant as most recently adjusted under sec-
3 tion 479A for such applicant’ for the ‘expected
4 family contribution of the applicant determined
5 for the award year for which the applicant sub-
6 mitted a FAFSA during such period’.

7 “(C) RULE FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.—
8 With respect to an applicant who submits a
9 FAFSA for award year 2018–2019 and enrolls
10 in an institution of higher education for such
11 year, subparagraph (A) shall be applied—

12 “(i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
13 by substituting ‘award year 2018–2019’
14 for ‘the first time’; and

15 “(ii) in clause (i)(II), by substituting
16 ‘award year 2018–2019’ for ‘the award
17 year for which the applicant submitted a
18 FAFSA during such period’.

19 “(D) DEPENDENT STUDENT CERTIFI-
20 CATION FORM.—The Secretary, in cooperation
21 with representatives of agencies and organiza-
22 tions involved in student financial assistance,
23 shall use behavioral science insights to produce,
24 distribute, and process free of charge a short
25 and simple consumer-tested dependent student

1 certification form that uses skip logic to bypass
2 fields that are inapplicable to an applicant.
3 Such form shall not require an applicant to pro-
4 vide data that the Secretary may otherwise ob-
5 tain with respect to the applicant (such as age
6 or active duty military status), and may only
7 contain the data elements required for purposes
8 of subparagraph (A)(i)—

9 “(i) to confirm that the applicant is a
10 dependent student;

11 “(ii) to allow the applicant to update
12 the contact information of such applicant
13 or the Federal School Code of the institu-
14 tion of higher education in which the appli-
15 cant is, or will be enrolled, for the award
16 year for which the applicant submits such
17 form; and

18 “(iii) to ask whether the applicant’s
19 need and eligibility for financial assistance
20 under this title has not changed substan-
21 tially since the most recent of the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(I) The applicant submitted a
24 FAFSA.

1 “(II) The applicant received an
2 adjustment under section 479A to the
3 expected family contribution of the
4 applicant.

5 “(E) SUCCEEDING AWARD YEAR DE-
6 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘suc-
7 ceeding award year’—

8 “(i) when used with respect to an ap-
9 plicant who submits a FAFSA for the first
10 time for an award year during the period
11 required for the completion of the first un-
12 dergraduate baccalaureate course of study
13 being pursued by such applicant, means
14 any award year during such period that
15 follows the award year for which the appli-
16 cant submits such FAFSA; and

17 “(ii) when used with respect to an ap-
18 plicant described in subparagraph (C),
19 means any award year after award year
20 2018–2019 during the period required for
21 the completion of the first undergraduate
22 baccalaureate course of study being pur-
23 sued by such applicant.”.

1 (c) FAFSA IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES.—Section
2 483(a) (20 U.S.C. 1090(a)) is further amended by adding
3 at the end the following:

4 “(15) FAFSA IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES.—The
5 Secretary shall—

6 “(A) translate the form developed under
7 this subsection into not fewer than 11 foreign
8 languages based on the languages most often
9 spoken by English learner students and their
10 parents, and make the translated form available
11 to applicants in paper and electronic formats;
12 and

13 “(B) ensure that the form developed under
14 this subsection is available in formats accessible
15 to individuals with disabilities.”

16 (d) USE OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DATA RE-
17 TRIEVAL TOOL TO POPULATE FAFSA.—Section 483(f)
18 (20 U.S.C. 1090(f)) is amended to read as follows:

19 “(f) USE OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DATA
20 RETRIEVAL TOOL TO POPULATE FAFSA.—

21 “(1) SIMPLIFICATION EFFORTS.—The Sec-
22 retary shall—

23 “(A) make every effort to allow applicants
24 to utilize the current data retrieval tool to
25 transfer data available from the Internal Rev-

1 enue Service to reduce the amount of original
2 data entry by applicants and strengthen the re-
3 liability of data used to calculate expected fam-
4 ily contributions, including through the use of
5 technology to—

6 “(i) allow an applicant to automati-
7 cally populate the electronic version of the
8 forms under this paragraph with data
9 available from the Internal Revenue Serv-
10 ice; and

11 “(ii) direct an applicant to appro-
12 priate questions on such forms based on
13 the applicant’s answers to previous ques-
14 tions; and

15 “(B) allow single taxpayers, married tax-
16 payers filing jointly, and married taxpayers fil-
17 ing separately to utilize the current data re-
18 trieval tool to its full capacity.

19 “(2) USE OF TAX RETURN IN APPLICATION
20 PROCESS.—The Secretary shall continue to examine
21 whether data provided by the Internal Revenue Serv-
22 ice can be used to generate an expected family con-
23 tribution without additional action on the part of the
24 student and taxpayer.

1 “(3) REPORTS ON FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION EF-
2 FORDS.—Not less than once every other year, the
3 Secretary shall report to the authorizing committees
4 and the Committees on Appropriations of the House
5 of Representatives and the Senate on the progress of
6 the simplification efforts under this subsection.”.

7 (f) INFORMATION ON FAFSA VERIFICATION.—Sec-
8 tion 483 (20 U.S.C. 1090) is further amended by adding
9 at the end the following:

10 “(i) FAFSA VERIFICATION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to applicants
12 who submit a FAFSA for an award year and were
13 eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant for such
14 award year, the Secretary shall submit to the au-
15 thorizing committees, and make publicly available, a
16 report for such award year on—

17 “(A) the percentage of such applicants who
18 received a Federal Pell Grant for such award
19 year;

20 “(B) the percentage of such applicants
21 who did not receive a Federal Pell Grant for
22 such year;

23 “(C) the percentage of such applicants who
24 were selected by the Secretary for verification of
25 the data provided in the FAFSA;

1 “(D) the percentage of applicants de-
2 scribed in (1)(C) who received a Federal Pell
3 Grant for such award year; and

4 “(E) the percentage of applicants de-
5 scribed in (1)(C) who did not receive a Federal
6 Pell Grant for such award year.

7 “(2) DISAGGREGATION.—The data provided in
8 a report under paragraph (1) shall be
9 disaggregated—

10 “(A) by applicants who were pathway 1
11 applicants for such year;

12 “(B) by applicants who were pathway 2
13 applicants for such year;

14 “(C) by applicants who were pathway 3
15 applicants for such year; and

16 “(D) to the extent practicable, by appli-
17 cants who enrolled in an institution of higher
18 education for such award year.”.

19 (g) REVISION OF FAFSA FORM.—Section 483 (20
20 U.S.C. 1090) is further amended by adding at the end
21 the following:

22 “(j) CONVICTIONS.—The Secretary shall not include
23 any question about the conviction of an applicant for the
24 possession or sale of illegal drugs on the FAFSA (or any
25 other form developed under subsection (a)).”.

1 (h) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 483.—

2 Section 483 (20 U.S.C. 1090), as amended by subsections

3 (a) through (g), is further amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking

7 “process” and all that follows through the

8 end of clause (ii) and inserting “process a

9 paper version of the forms described in

10 this subsection, in accordance with sub-

11 paragraph (C).”; and

12 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B);

13 (B) in paragraph (3)—

14 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking

15 the end sentence; and

16 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B), and

17 redesignating subparagraphs (C) through

18 (H) as subparagraphs (B) through (G), re-

19 spectively;

20 (C) in paragraph (4)—

21 (i) by striking “academic year” each

22 place it appears and inserting “award

23 year”; and

24 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking

25 clause (iv);

- 1 (D) in paragraph (5)—
- 2 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
- 3 “paragraphs (2)(B)(iii), (3)(B), and
- 4 (4)(A)(ii)” and inserting “paragraph
- 5 (4)(A)(ii)”;
- 6 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—
- 7 (I) by striking “determine” and
- 8 all that follows through “which” and
- 9 inserting “determine which”; and
- 10 (II) by striking clause (ii);
- 11 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
- 12 “the Secretary” and all that follows
- 13 through “of the” and inserting “the Sec-
- 14 retary of the”; and
- 15 (iv) by striking subparagraphs (D)
- 16 through (F), and redesignating subpara-
- 17 graph (G) as subparagraph (D);
- 18 (2) in subsection (c), by striking the last sen-
- 19 tence;
- 20 (3) in subsection (d)(3)—
- 21 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and
- 22 EZ FAFSA”; and
- 23 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and
- 24 EZ FAFSA”; and
- 25 (4) in subsection (e)—

1 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “or, as
2 appropriate, an EZ FAFSA”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (5)(D), by striking “or,
4 as appropriate, an EZ FAFSA,”; and

5 (5) by repealing subsection (g).

6 (i) EFFECTIVE DATE; ORDERLY TRANSITION.—

7 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
8 by this section shall take effect with respect to the
9 first award year beginning after the first October
10 after the date of enactment of this Act and each
11 succeeding award year.

12 (2) ORDERLY TRANSITION.—The Secretary of
13 Education shall take such steps as are necessary to
14 provide for the orderly transition to, and implemen-
15 tation of, the amendments made by this section. The
16 authority provided in the preceding sentence shall
17 cease on the day that is one year after the effective
18 date of this section.

Before section 481, insert the following:

19 **SEC. 480. FINANCIAL AID SHOPPING SHEET.**

20 (a) SECRETARIAL REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
21 the effective date of this Act, the Secretary of Education,
22 in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense and Vet-
23 erans Affairs, shall develop and finalize a financial shop-
24 ping sheet that ensures each institution of higher edu-

1 cation provides meaningful information about the financial
2 cost and quality of such institution to students (including
3 students who have authorized the Department of Edu-
4 cation to send the student's Institutional Student Infor-
5 mation Record to such institution) to assist such students
6 in determining how to use financial aid to attend such in-
7 stitution, and which—

8 (1) is standardized so that it can be used by all
9 institutions of higher education;

10 (2) is consumer tested, and presented in a man-
11 ner that is simple and easily understandable; and

12 (3) is personalized for each student who re-
13 ceives such sheet by including—

14 (A) the cost of attendance of the edu-
15 cational program in which the student is en-
16 rolled or seeks to be enrolled;

17 (B) the type of Federal educational bene-
18 fits available to assist in covering such cost of
19 attendance, including loans and grants under
20 title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965;

21 (C) the amount of financial aid, including
22 Federal, State, institutional, or other aid that
23 can be used to assist in covering such cost of
24 attendance;

1 (D) information about student outcomes
2 for students who graduate from such edu-
3 cational program, including, based upon the
4 most recent data available—

5 (i) the graduation rate;

6 (ii) the loan repayment rate; and

7 (iii) the estimated loan debt upon
8 graduation; and

9 (E) any other information that facilitates
10 comparison of aid packages offered by different
11 institutions of higher education.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

13 (1) COST OF ATTENDANCE.—The term “cost of
14 attendance” has the meaning given the term in sec-
15 tion 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
16 U.S.C. 10871).

17 (2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
18 term “institution of higher education” has the
19 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher
20 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

In section 485(1), add at the end the following:

21 (C) in paragraph (5), by inserting “, or be
22 a Dreamer student, as defined in subsection
23 (u)” after “becoming a citizen or permanent
24 resident”; and

Amend paragraph (7) of section 485 to read as follows:

1 (7) by striking subsection (n);

Redesignate paragraph (8) of section 485 as paragraph (10).

After paragraph (7) of section 485, insert the following:

2 (8) by striking subsection (r);

3 (9) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(u) DREAMER STUDENTS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
6 ‘Dreamer student’ means an individual who—

7 “(A) was younger than 16 years of age on
8 the date on which the individual initially entered
9 the United States;

10 “(B) has provided a list of each secondary
11 school that the student attended in the United
12 States; and

13 “(C)(i) has earned a high school diploma,
14 the recognized equivalent of such diploma from
15 a secondary school, or a high school equivalency
16 diploma in the United States or is scheduled to
17 complete the requirements for such a diploma

1 or equivalent before the next academic year be-
2 gins;

3 “(ii) has acquired a degree from an institu-
4 tion of higher education or has completed not
5 less than 2 years in a program for a bacca-
6 laurate degree or higher degree at an institu-
7 tion of higher education in the United States
8 and has made satisfactory academic progress,
9 as defined in subsection (c), during such time
10 period;

11 “(iii) at any time was eligible for a grant
12 of deferred action under—

13 “(I) the June 15, 2012, memorandum
14 from the Secretary of Homeland Security
15 entitled ‘Exercising Prosecutorial Discre-
16 tion with Respect to Individuals Who
17 Came to the United States as Children’; or

18 “(II) the November 20, 2014, memo-
19 randum from the Secretary of Homeland
20 Security entitled ‘Exercising Prosecutorial
21 Discretion with Respect to Individuals
22 Who Came to the United States as Chil-
23 dren and with Respect to Certain Individ-
24 uals Who Are the Parents of U.S. Citizens
25 or Permanent Residents’; or

1 “(iv) has served in the uniformed services,
2 as defined in section 101 of title 10, United
3 States Code, for not less than 4 years and, if
4 discharged, received an honorable discharge.

5 “(2) **HARDSHIP EXCEPTION.**—The Secretary
6 shall issue regulations that direct when the Depart-
7 ment shall waive the requirement of subparagraph
8 (A) or (B), or both, of paragraph (1) for an indi-
9 vidual to qualify as a Dreamer student under such
10 paragraph, if the individual—

11 “(A) demonstrates compelling cir-
12 cumstances for the inability to satisfy the re-
13 quirement of such subparagraph (A) or (B), or
14 both; and

15 “(B) satisfies the requirement of para-
16 graph (1)(C).”; and

Insert after section 488(g), the following:

17 (h) **REPEAL OF NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF ELIGI-**
18 **BILITY.**—Section 485 (20 U.S.C. 1092) is further amend-
19 ed by repealing subsection (k).

In section 491, after subsection (j), insert the fol-
lowing:

1 (k) FINANCIAL AID SHOPPING SHEET.—Section
2 487(a) (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the
3 end the following:

4 “(30) The institution will use a financial aid
5 shopping sheet described in section 480 of the
6 PROSPER Act as its sole financial award letter or
7 include such sheet as a supplemental cover to such
8 financial award letter.”



