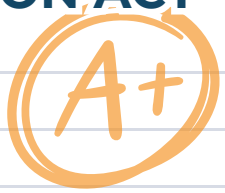


H.R. 6392, HOME SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION ACT

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BACKGROUND: Families across the country are increasingly choosing homeschooling for its flexibility, safety, and academic quality. Homeschooling spans all income levels, ethnic backgrounds, and regions of the country.

About 3 to 4 percent of students are homeschooled, and **research shows they often outperform their public-school peers.** That success continues at the college level: homeschoolers tend to perform better on the ACT, stay in college longer, and attain higher college GPAs.

Students who complete a homeschool education under state law **are high school graduates and should be treated accordingly.**

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THE PROBLEM: The *Higher Education Act* lists homeschool graduates as “students who are not high school graduates.”

This can create **unnecessary confusion and administrative hurdles** when students apply for federal student aid.

As homeschooling continues to grow, **clarity in federal law is increasingly important.**

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THE SOLUTION: H.R. 6392 simply clarifies the law.

It makes it clear that a student who completes a secondary school education in a homeschool setting recognized under state law **shall be considered a high school graduate** for purposes of federal student aid.

The legislation:

- ✓ Updates outdated statutory language.
- ✓ Places homeschool graduates on equal footing with other high school graduates.
- ✓ Does not create new spending or federal mandates.

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BOTTOM LINE: The *Home School Graduation Recognition Act* safeguards parental rights, supports student success, and ensures homeschool students have fair access to higher education opportunities—just like any other graduate.