

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2117
OFFERED BY MS. FOXX OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Academic
3 Freedom in Higher Education Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. REPEAL OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO STATE AU-
5 THORIZATION AND DEFINING CREDIT HOUR.**

6 (a) REGULATIONS REPEALED.—

7 (1) REPEAL.—The following regulations (in-
8 cluding any supplement or revision to such regula-
9 tions) are repealed and shall have no legal effect:

10 (A) STATE AUTHORIZATION.—Sections
11 600.4(a)(3), 600.5(a)(4), 600.6(a)(3), 600.9,
12 and 668.43(b) of title 34, Code of Federal Reg-
13 ulations (relating to State authorization), as
14 added or amended by the final regulations pub-
15 lished by the Department of Education in the
16 Federal Register on October 29, 2010 (75 Fed.
17 Reg. 66832 et seq.).

1 (B) DEFINITION OF CREDIT HOUR.—The
2 definition of the term “credit hour” in section
3 600.2 of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations,
4 as added by the final regulations published by
5 the Department of Education in the Federal
6 Register on October 29, 2010 (75 Fed. Reg.
7 66946), and subsection (k)(2)(ii) of section
8 668.8 of such title, as amended by such final
9 regulations (75 Fed. Reg. 66949 et seq.).

10 (2) EFFECT OF REPEAL.—To the extent that
11 regulations repealed by paragraph (1) amended reg-
12 ulations that were in effect on June 30, 2011, the
13 provisions of the regulations that were in effect on
14 June 30, 2011, and were so amended are restored
15 and revived as if the regulations repealed by para-
16 graph (1) had not taken effect.

17 (b) REGULATIONS DEFINING CREDIT HOUR PROHIB-
18 ITED.—The Secretary shall not promulgate or enforce any
19 regulation or rule that defines the term “credit hour” for
20 any purpose under the Higher Education Act of 1965 on
21 or after the date of enactment of this section.

