

Union Calendar No. 116

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2117

[Report No. 112-177]

To prohibit the Department of Education from overreaching into academic affairs and program eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2011

Ms. FOXX (for herself and Mr. KLINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

JULY 22, 2011

Additional sponsors: Mr. HERGER, Mr. McKEON, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. CARTER, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. AUSTRIA, Mr. PLATTS, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. HANNA, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WEST, Mr. BARLETTA, Mrs. ROBY, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. PETRI, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BONNER, Mr. OLSON, Mr. MICA, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. CONAWAY, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. REED, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. MARINO, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mrs. EMERSON, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. BROOKS, and Mr. KISSELL

JULY 22, 2011

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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4 **STATE AUTHORIZATION AND DEFINING**
5 **CREDIT HOUR.**

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7 (1) REPEAL.—The following regulations (in-
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9 tions) are repealed and shall have no legal effect:

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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.).

18 (B) DEFINITION OF CREDIT HOUR.—The
19 definition of the term “credit hour” in section
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21 as added by the final regulations published by
22 the Department of Education in the Federal
23 Register on October 29, 2010 (75 Fed. Reg.
24 66946), and subsection (k)(2)(ii) of section

1 668.8 of such title, as amended by such final
2 regulations (75 Fed. Reg. 66949 et seq.).

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5 ~~ulations that were in effect on June 30, 2011, the~~
6 ~~provisions of the regulations that were in effect on~~
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8 ~~and revived as if the regulations repealed by para-~~
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12 ~~regulation or rule that defines the term “credit hour” for~~
13 ~~any purpose under the Higher Education Act of 1965 on~~
14 ~~or after the date of enactment of this section.~~

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16 *This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Academic*
17 *Freedom in Higher Education Act”.*

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