



**Legislative Bulletin ..... March 30, 2011**

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**Amendments to H.R. 471** – Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act

H.R. 471 (sponsored by Speaker Boehner, R-OH) is scheduled to be considered on the House Floor on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, under a structured rule ([H.Res. 186](#)) that waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule also makes in order the amendment discussed below, which shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent.

The Legislative Bulletin for H.R. 471 can be viewed [using this link](#).

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**AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER**

1. **Del. Norton (Del, D-DC).** This amendment would strike funding for the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program and direct that those amounts be diverted to the Mayor of D.C. for D.C. public schools, and D.C. public charter schools. This amendment, like the underlying legislation, authorizes up to \$60,000,000 annually for all programs under the legislation. Only this amendment directs those funds be divided evenly between D.C. public schools, and D.C. public charter schools.

As a condition of receiving those funds, the Mayor will enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Education to monitor and evaluate the use of those funds. This amendment would also require the Mayor to submit an annual report to Congress on:

- a. How the funds appropriated by this legislation were used; and
- b. How these funds are contributing to student achievement.