

Union Calendar No. 214

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3237

[Report No. 112-315]

To amend the SOAR Act by clarifying the scope of coverage of the Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2011

Mr. GOWDY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Oversight and Government Reform

DECEMBER 6, 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]

A BILL

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of the Act.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “SOAR Technical Cor-
 5 rections Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF FUNDS.**

7 Section 3007(a)(4)(F) of the Scholarships for Oppor-
 8 tunity and Results Act (Public Law 112–10; 125 Stat.
 9 203) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(F) ensures that participating students
 11 are taught by core subject matter teachers who
 12 have a baccalaureate degree or equivalent de-
 13 gree, whether such degree was awarded in or
 14 outside of the United States.”.

15 **SEC. 3. NATIONALLY NORM-REFERENCED STANDARDIZED**
 16 **TESTS.**

17 Section 3008(h) of the Scholarships for Opportunity
 18 and Results Act (Public Law 112–10; 125 Stat. 205) is
 19 amended by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting
 20 the following:

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Institute of Education
 22 Sciences shall administer nationally norm-referenced
 23 standardized tests, as described in paragraph (3)(A)
 24 of section 3009(a), to students participating in the
 25 evaluation under section 3009(a) for the purpose of

1 conducting the evaluation under such section, except
 2 where a student is attending a participating school
 3 that is administering the same nationally norm-ref-
 4 erenced standardized test.

5 “(2) TEST RESULTS.—Each participating
 6 school that administers the nationally norm-ref-
 7 erenced standardized test described in paragraph (1)
 8 to an eligible student shall make the test results,
 9 with respect to such student, available to the Sec-
 10 retary as necessary for evaluation under section
 11 3009(a).”.

12 **SEC. 4. EVALUATIONS.**

13 Section 3009(a)(3) of the Scholarships for Oppor-
 14 tunity and Results Act (Public Law 112–10, 125 Stat.
 15 206) is amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting before the
 17 semicolon the following: “in a manner consistent
 18 with section 3008(h)”; and

19 (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, if re-
 20 quested by the Institute of Education Sciences,”
 21 after “will participate”.

22 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

23 *This Act may be cited as the “SOAR Technical Correc-*
 24 *tions Act”.*

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF FUNDS.**

2 *Section 3007(a)(4)(F) of the Scholarships for Oppor-*
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 4 *is amended to read as follows:*

5 *“(F) ensures that participating students are*
 6 *taught by core subject matter teachers who have*
 7 *a baccalaureate degree or equivalent degree,*
 8 *whether such degree was awarded in or outside*
 9 *of the United States.”.*

10 **SEC. 3. NATIONALLY NORM-REFERENCED STANDARDIZED**
 11 **TESTS.**

12 *Section 3008(h) of the Scholarships for Opportunity*
 13 *and Results Act (Public Law 112–10; 125 Stat. 205) is*
 14 *amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the fol-*
 15 *lowing:*

16 *“(2) ADMINISTRATION OF TESTS.—The Institute*
 17 *of Education Sciences shall administer nationally*
 18 *norm-referenced standardized tests, as described in*
 19 *paragraph (3)(A) of section 3009(a), to students par-*
 20 *ticipating in the evaluation under section 3009(a) for*
 21 *the purpose of conducting the evaluation under such*
 22 *section, except where a student is attending a partici-*
 23 *pating school that is administering the same nation-*
 24 *ally norm-referenced standardized test.*

25 *“(3) TEST RESULTS.—Each participating school*
 26 *that administers the nationally norm-referenced*

1 *standardized test described in paragraph (2) to an el-*
2 *igible student shall make the test results, with respect*
3 *to such student, available to the Secretary as nec-*
4 *essary for evaluation under section 3009(a).”.*

5 **SEC. 4. EVALUATIONS.**

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