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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2021

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Keep College Students Learning Act”.

SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Part C of title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:
“SEC. 138. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—A covered institution of higher education shall ensure that a student who has received institutional financial assistance from such institution may use such assistance for enrollment at such institution without regard to whether, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the student delays such enrollment or takes a leave of absence from such institution for up to one academic year.

“(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) COVERED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term ‘covered institution of higher education’ means an institution of higher education (as defined in section 102) that—

“(A) receives funds under this Act; and

“(B) offers in-person instruction at levels less than the first semester (or the equivalent) of academic year 2019–2020.

“(2) STUDENT.—The term ‘student’ includes a prospective student.”.