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S. 1724

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the information reporting requirement relating to the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credits imposed on educational institutions and certain other trades and businesses.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 6, 1998

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BOND, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Higher Education Re-
5 porting Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELAT-**
 2 **ING TO HOPE SCHOLARSHIP AND LIFETIME**
 3 **LEARNING CREDITS.**

4 (a) REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT INFOR-
 5 MATION RETURN.—Section 6050S of the Internal Reve-
 6 nue Code of 1986 (relating to returns relating to payments
 7 for qualified tuition and related expenses) is repealed.

8 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR TAXPAYER TO PROVIDE
 9 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.—Subsection (g) of section
 10 25A of such Code (relating to special rules) is amended
 11 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

12 “(8) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REQUIRED
 13 WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—No
 14 credit shall be allowed under subsection (a) with re-
 15 spect to qualified tuition and related expenses paid
 16 to an eligible educational institution unless—

17 “(A) the name, address, and taxpayer
 18 identification number of such institution is in-
 19 cluded on the return claiming the credit, or

20 “(B) if such institution is an organization
 21 described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt from
 22 tax under section 501(a), the name and address
 23 of such institution is included on the return
 24 claiming the credit.”

25 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) The heading for paragraph (1) of section
 2 25A(g) of such Code is amended to read as follows:
 3 “IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO
 4 INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM EXPENSES PAID.—”.

5 (2) Subparagraph (B) of section 6724(d)(1) of
 6 such Code (relating to definitions of information re-
 7 turn) is amended by striking clause (ix) and by re-
 8 designating clauses (x) through (xv) as clauses (ix)
 9 through (xiv), respectively.

10 (3) Paragraph (2) of section 6724(d) of such
 11 Code is amended by inserting “or” at the end of the
 12 subparagraph (X), by striking “, or” at the end of
 13 subparagraph (Y) and inserting a period, and by
 14 striking subparagraph (Z).

15 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 16 for subpart B of part III of subchapter A of chapter 61
 17 of such Code is amended by striking the item relating to
 18 section 6050S.

19 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 20 this section shall apply to expenses paid after December
 21 31, 1997, for education furnished in academic periods be-
 22 ginning after December 31, 1997.

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