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H. R. 1549

To use data from school years preceding the Gulf hurricane disasters for purposes of determining allotments under title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to institutions impacted by those disasters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2007

Mr. JINDAL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “College and University
5 Hurricane Revitalization Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that the following:

1 (1) Hurricane Katrina struck the United States
2 Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005, causing widespread
3 flooding and significant property and infrastructure
4 damage to the colleges and universities in Louisiana,
5 Mississippi, and Alabama.

6 (2) On September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita
7 struck near the border between Texas and Lou-
8 isiana, causing further damage in eastern Texas and
9 western Louisiana.

10 (3) In New Orleans alone, enrollment suddenly
11 decreased at colleges and universities by more than
12 30 percent, revenue losses exceeded \$300 million,
13 and property losses were approximately \$1 billion.

14 (4) Although valuable assistance has been pro-
15 vided, without addressing the next five-year funding
16 allocation calculation, the colleges and universities
17 will be severely restricted financially to the point of
18 risking their financial viability and dramatically de-
19 laying their future recovery.

20 **SEC. 3. CALCULATION.**

21 For the purpose of calculating the allotments of
22 grants to institutions of higher education located in a par-
23 ish or county for which the President declared a major
24 disaster exists in accordance with section 401 of the Rob-
25 ert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Emergency Assistance Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 4170) related to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita,
2 the Secretary of Education shall, for the 2007–2012 cycle
3 under title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.), consider data from the school year
5 immediately preceding the school year which included Au-
6 gust 29, 2005, rather than current school year data for
7 any institution of higher education that submits a written
8 request to the Secretary for such consideration. The Sec-
9 retary shall notify each institution of higher education lo-
10 cated in such a parish or county of the provisions of this
11 section.

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