

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5157

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to repeal the provisions prohibiting persons convicted of drug offenses from receiving student financial assistance.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2008

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. FILNER, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FARR, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. LEE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. COHEN, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. OLVER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. HARE, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. HONDA, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. STARK, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. PAUL, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WATT, Mr. CLAY, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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 “Removing Impedi-  
5       ments to Students Education Act” or the “RISE Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING PERSONS**

7                       **CONVICTED OF DRUG OFFENSES FROM RE-**

8                       **CEIVING STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

9       Subsection (r) of section 484 of the Higher Edu-  
10      cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091(r)) is repealed.

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