

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 601

To expand the definition of independent student in the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include homeless youth.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2007

Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself and Mr. HINOJOSA) 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 “FAFSA Fix for Home-
5 less Kids Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOMELESS YOUTH INCLUDED IN DEFINITION OF**
7 **INDEPENDENT STUDENT.**

8 Section 480(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
9 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(d)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
2 paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(6) has been verified as both a homeless child
6 or youth and an unaccompanied youth, as such
7 terms are defined in section 725 of the McKinney-
8 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a),
9 during the school year in which the application for
10 financial assistance is submitted, by—

11 “(A) a local educational agency liaison for
12 homeless children and youths, as designated
13 under section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-
14 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
15 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii));

16 “(B) a director of a homeless shelter, tran-
17 sitional shelter, or independent living program;
18 or

19 “(C) a financial aid administrator;”.

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