

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2108

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide information to foster youth on their potential eligibility for Federal student aid.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2013

Mr. LEWIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Foster Youth Higher
5 Education Opportunities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INFORMING FOSTER YOUTH OF THEIR POTENTIAL**
7 **ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.**

8 Section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
9 U.S.C. 1090) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(i) INFORMING FOSTER YOUTH OF THEIR POTEN-
 2 TIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.—The
 3 Secretary shall inform each student who indicates on a
 4 FAFSA form, in either paper or electronic format, that
 5 the student is a foster youth or was in the foster care
 6 system of the student’s potential eligibility for Federal
 7 student aid, including the specific Federal programs under
 8 which such student may be eligible to receive assistance
 9 such as the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence
 10 Program under section 477 of the Social Security Act (42
 11 U.S.C. 677).”.

12 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH ON DEPART-**
 13 **MENT WEB SITE.**

14 Section 485E(b) of the Higher Education Act of
 15 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092f(b)) is amended by adding at the
 16 end the following:

17 “(5) INFORMATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH ON DE-
 18 PARTMENT WEB SITE.—The Secretary shall include
 19 on the Department’s Web site information for foster
 20 youth regarding such youth’s potential eligibility for
 21 Federal student aid, including the specific Federal
 22 programs under which such youth may be eligible to
 23 receive assistance.”.

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