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S. 2796

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the income protection allowances.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. KAINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Working Student Act
5 of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR WORKING STUDENTS.**

7 (a) DEPENDENT STUDENTS.—Section 475(g)(2)(D)
8 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
9 1087oo(g)(2)(D)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(D) an income protection allowance (or a
 2 successor amount prescribed by the Secretary
 3 under section 478) of \$8,451 for academic year
 4 2015–2016;”.

5 (b) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPEND-
 6 ENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 476(b)(1)(A)(iv)
 7 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 8 1087pp(b)(1)(A)(iv)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(iv) an income protection allowance
 10 (or a successor amount prescribed by the
 11 Secretary under section 478)—

12 “(I) for single or separated stu-
 13 dents, or married students where both
 14 are enrolled pursuant to subsection
 15 (a)(2), of \$13,135 for academic year
 16 2015–2016; and

17 “(II) for married students where
 18 1 is enrolled pursuant to subsection
 19 (a)(2), of \$21,060 for academic year
 20 2015–2016;”.

21 (c) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS
 22 OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 477(b)(4) of the High-
 23 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087qq(b)(4)) is
 24 amended to read as follows:

1 “(4) INCOME PROTECTION ALLOWANCE.—The
 2 income protection allowance is determined by the fol-
 3 lowing table (or a successor table prescribed by the
 4 Secretary under section 478), for academic year
 5 2015–2016:

“Income Protection Allowance						
Family Size	Number in College					
(including student)	1	2	3	4	5	For each additional subtract:
2	\$33,277	\$27,580				\$4,250
3	41,431	35,761	\$30,078			
4	51,151	45,481	39,825	\$34,114		
5	60,358	54,661	49,005	43,321	\$37,665	
6	70,591	64,908	59,265	53,554	47,898	
For each additional add:	6,000					”.

6 (d) UPDATED TABLES AND AMOUNTS.—Section
 7 478(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 8 1087rr(b)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraphs
 10 (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each academic
 12 year after academic year 2015–2016, the Sec-
 13 retary shall publish in the Federal Register a
 14 revised table of income protection allowances
 15 for the purpose of sections 475(c)(4) and
 16 477(b)(4), subject to subparagraphs (B) and
 17 (C).

18 “(B) TABLE FOR INDEPENDENT STU-
 19 DENTS.—For each academic year after aca-

1 demic year 2015–2016, the Secretary shall de-
 2 velop the revised table of income protection al-
 3 lowances by increasing each of the dollar
 4 amounts contained in the table of income pro-
 5 tection allowances under section 477(b)(4)(D)
 6 by a percentage equal to the estimated percent-
 7 age increase in the Consumer Price Index (as
 8 determined by the Secretary) between Decem-
 9 ber 2014 and the December next preceding the
 10 beginning of such academic year, and rounding
 11 the result to the nearest \$10.”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “shall be de-
 13 veloped” and all that follows through the period at
 14 the end and inserting “shall be developed for each
 15 academic year after academic year 2015–2016, by
 16 increasing each of the dollar amounts contained in
 17 such section for academic year 2015–2016 by a per-
 18 centage equal to the estimated percentage increase
 19 in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the
 20 Secretary) between December 2014 and the Decem-
 21 ber next preceding the beginning of such academic
 22 year, and rounding the result to the nearest \$10.”.

23 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 24 this section shall be effective on July 1, 2015.

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