

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3689

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Mr. MACARTHUR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Student Exchange Pro-
5 gram Parity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purposes of this Act are as follows:

1 (1) To make equal the length of time a public
 2 secondary school and a private secondary school may
 3 enroll a foreign exchange student.

4 (2) To benefit cultural exchange between the
 5 United States and students from abroad.

6 (3) To emphasize that visiting foreign public
 7 secondary school students must reimburse local edu-
 8 cational agencies for the full cost of their education
 9 while in the United States.

10 **SEC. 3. NONIMMIGRANT STATUS TO STUDY AT A PUBLIC**
 11 **SECONDARY SCHOOL.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(m)(1)(B) of the Im-
 13 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(m)(1)(B))
 14 is amended to read as follows:

15 “(B) at a public secondary school unless the
 16 alien demonstrates that the alien has reimbursed the
 17 local educational agency that administers the school
 18 for the full, unsubsidized per capita cost of providing
 19 education at such school for the period of the alien’s
 20 attendance.”.

21 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section
 22 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i))
 23 is amended by striking “214(l)” and inserting “214(m)”.

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