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# H. R. 4715

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain institutions of higher education to provide notice of tuition levels for students.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 21, 2017

Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain institutions of higher education to provide notice of tuition levels for students.

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 “Truth in Tuition Act  
5       of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTICE OF TUITION LEVELS.**

2 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 487(a) of the Higher  
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended  
4 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

5 “(30)(A) The institution will provide to each  
6 student admitted to an undergraduate or graduate  
7 program—

8 “(i) a multi-year tuition and fee schedule;  
9 or

10 “(ii) a single-year tuition and fee schedule,  
11 and a nonbinding, multi-year estimate of net  
12 costs after all financial aid is awarded, assum-  
13 ing constant family and student income, assets,  
14 and relevant circumstances.

15 “(B) Multi-year schedules and estimates re-  
16 quired by subparagraph (A)—

17 “(i) may include a percentage or dollar in-  
18 crease or decrease of any size the institution de-  
19 termines to be appropriate from one year to the  
20 next; and

21 “(ii) shall indicate, on a year-by-year basis,  
22 costs for the normal duration of such student’s  
23 undergraduate or graduate program.

24 “(C) Institutions that elect a single-year tuition  
25 and fee schedule under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall  
26 include with each multi-year estimate provided under

1       such subparagraph the average deviation, in percent-  
2       age terms, between previous year estimates and ac-  
3       tual net costs for students at their institution.

4               “(D) The Secretary shall waive the require-  
5       ments of subparagraph (A) if the institution dem-  
6       onstrates to the Secretary that the requirements of  
7       subparagraph (A) are not practicable because of the  
8       occurrence of one or more events causing the institu-  
9       tion severe economic distress, dramatic reduction of  
10      State or Federal aid, or any other circumstance de-  
11      termined to be appropriate by the Secretary.”.

12      (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
13      subsection (a) shall be effective on the date that is 120  
14      days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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