

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4089

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize certain students to retain financial aid eligibility while completing a drug rehabilitation program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2019

Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Ms. MOORE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. MOULTON) 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 “Second Chance for
5 Students Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN CONVICTIONS.**

7 Section 484(r) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
8 (20 U.S.C. 1091(r)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
2 graph (4);

3 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “A student”
4 and inserting “Subject to paragraph (3), a student”;
5 and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(3) EXCEPTION.—A student whose eligibility
8 has been suspended under paragraph (1), or whose
9 eligibility, in the absence of this paragraph, would
10 have been suspended under paragraph (1), due to a
11 conviction of an offense involving the possession of
12 marijuana, without the intent to distribute, may re-
13 sume or retain eligibility before the end of the ineli-
14 gibility period (or the period that would have been
15 the ineligibility period) determined under such para-
16 graph during the period of completion of a drug re-
17 habilitation program described in subparagraph (A)
18 or (B) of paragraph (2), except that such period of
19 completion shall not exceed 6 months.”.

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