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H. R. 4137

[Report No. 110-500, Part 1]

To amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2007

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself and Mr. HINOJOSA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Science and Technology, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Additional sponsors: Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. HARE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. COURTNEY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. WU, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. COHEN, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HONDA, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. CROWLEY

DECEMBER 19, 2007

Reported from the Committee on Education and Labor with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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Committees on the Judiciary, Science and Technology, and Financial Services discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

1 (e) *AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED.*—Section 744(c) (20
2 *U.S.C. 1138c(c)*) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
3 *lowing:*

4 “(5) *Establishment of academic programs in-*
5 *cluding graduate and undergraduate courses, semi-*
6 *nars and lectures, support of research, and develop-*
7 *ment of teaching materials for the purpose of sup-*
8 *porting faculty and academic programs that teach*
9 *traditional American history (including significant*
10 *constitutional, political, intellectual, economic, diplo-*
11 *matic, and foreign policy trends, issues, and docu-*
12 *ments; the history, nature, and development of demo-*
13 *cratic institutions of which American democracy is a*
14 *part; and significant events and individuals in the*
15 *history of the United States).”.*

16 (f) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Section
17 *745 (20 U.S.C. 1138d)* is amended by striking “\$30,000,000
18 *for fiscal year 1999”* and inserting “\$40,000,000 for fiscal
19 *year 2009”.*

20 **SEC. 706. URBAN-SERVING RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES.**

21 *Part C of title VII (20 U.S.C. 1139 et seq.)* is amended
22 *to read as follows:*

1 *addition, the Secretary shall give priority to urban-serving*
2 *research universities with a demonstrated record of effective*
3 *engagement in serving the communities in which such uni-*
4 *versities are located.*

5 **“SEC. 753. ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES.**

6 *“An urban-serving research university shall use funds*
7 *awarded under this part to further develop and apply re-*
8 *search findings to the development, implementation, and*
9 *ongoing evaluation of—*

10 *“(1) systemic initiatives with elementary and*
11 *secondary schools and other educational organizations*
12 *designed to—*

13 *“(A) improve teacher quality and retention;*

14 *or*

15 *“(B) develop strategies to improve postsec-*
16 *ondary and workplace readiness, particularly in*
17 *fields related to science, technology, engineering,*
18 *and mathematics;*

19 *“(2) innovative economic revitalization efforts in*
20 *conjunction with community-based organizations and*
21 *other public or nonprofit private entities; or*

22 *“(3) public health outreach, education, and*
23 *intervention activities designed to reduce health dis-*
24 *parities in urban areas, in partnership with commu-*

1 *nity-based organizations and other public or non-*
2 *profit private entities.*

3 **“SEC. 754. DEFINITIONS.**

4 *“As used in this part:*

5 *“(1) URBAN AREA.—The term ‘urban area’*
6 *means a city with a population of not less than*
7 *200,000 within a metropolitan statistical area.*

8 *“(2) URBAN-SERVING RESEARCH UNIVERSITY.—*
9 *The term ‘urban-serving research university’ means a*
10 *public institution of higher education that—*

11 *“(A) meets the requirements of section 101;*

12 *“(B) is located in an urban area;*

13 *“(C) has the capacity to conduct applicable*
14 *research, as demonstrated by awarding more*
15 *than 10 doctoral degrees per academic year;*

16 *“(D) draws a substantial portion of its stu-*
17 *dents from the urban area in which such institu-*
18 *tion is located; and*

19 *“(E) has demonstrated and sustained a*
20 *sense of responsibility to such urban area and*
21 *the people of such area.*

22 **“SEC. 755. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 *“There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out*
24 *this part \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and such sums*

1 *as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal*
2 *years.”.*

3 **SEC. 707. PROGRAMS TO ENSURE STUDENTS WITH DISABIL-**
4 **ITIES RECEIVE A QUALITY HIGHER EDU-**
5 **CATION.**

6 *(a) SERVING ALL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.—*
7 *Section 762(a) (20 U.S.C. 1140a(a)) is amended by striking*
8 *“students with learning disabilities” and inserting “stu-*
9 *dents with disabilities”.*

10 *(b) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—*

11 *(1) AMENDMENT.—Section 762(b)(2) is amend-*
12 *ed—*

13 *(A) in subparagraph (A)—*

14 *(i) by inserting “, including methods*
15 *and strategies consistent with the principles*
16 *of universal design for learning” after*
17 *“strategies”; and*

18 *(ii) by inserting “in order to improve*
19 *retention and completion” after “disabil-*
20 *ities”;*

21 *(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)*
22 *and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (F), respec-*
23 *tively;*

24 *(C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the*
25 *following new subparagraph:*