

113TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2069

To amend the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act of 1978 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to waive certain eligibility requirements.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2013

Mr. BENISHEK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## 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. AMENDMENT TO THE TRIBALLY CONTROLLED**  
4 **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ASSISTANCE**  
5 **ACT OF 1978.**

6 Section 103 of the Tribally Controlled Colleges and  
7 Universities Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1804) is  
8 amended—

1 (1) by striking “To be eligible” and inserting  
2 “(a) To be eligible”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4 sections:

5 “(b) The Secretary may waive the eligibility require-  
6 ments set forth in subsection (a) for a period of not more  
7 than 7 years upon request by a tribally controlled college  
8 or university—

9 “(1) that has received assistance under this  
10 title for 10 consecutive years;

11 “(2) that is located on Indian lands;

12 “(3) that is located in a county that has an In-  
13 dian population that did not decrease by more than  
14 one percent during the interval between the two  
15 most recent decennial censuses of population under  
16 section 141 of the title 13, United States Code; and

17 “(4) for which the Secretary has determined  
18 that such a waiver will support higher education op-  
19 portunities appropriate to the needs of Indians.

20 “(c) The Secretary shall approve or deny an applica-  
21 tion for a waiver under subsection (b) within 30 days of  
22 receipt of such an application or such application shall be  
23 deemed to be approved.”.

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