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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to remove barriers for students seeking Federal financial aid by reducing the complexity and length of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and increasing support for working students and vulnerable populations.

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Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. BERA, and Mr. DOGGETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Simple FAFSA Act
5 of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULES.**

2 (a) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly
3 provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal
4 is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of,
5 a section or other provision, the reference shall be consid-
6 ered to be made to a section or other provision of the
7 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

8 (b) ORDERLY TRANSITION.—The Secretary shall
9 take such steps as are necessary to provide for the orderly
10 transition to, and implementation of, the amendments
11 made by this Act. The authority provided in the preceding
12 sentence shall cease on the day that is one year after the
13 effective date of this Act.

14 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

15 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act, and the amend-
16 ments made by this Act, shall take effect with respect to
17 the first award year beginning after the first October after
18 the date of enactment of this Act and each succeeding
19 award year.

20 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
21 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Special rules.
- Sec. 3. Effective date; table of contents.

TITLE I—EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

- Sec. 101. Expected family contribution.
- Sec. 102. Increasing support for working students by 35 percent.
- Sec. 103. Zero expected family contribution.
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Sec. 202. One-time FAFSA filing for dependent students.

Sec. 203. FAFSA in various languages.

Sec. 204. Use of Internal Revenue Service data retrieval tool to populate FAFSA.

Sec. 205. Information on FAFSA verification.

Sec. 206. Conforming amendments to section 483.

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Sec. 302. Repeal of suspension of eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965 for grants, loans, and work assistance for drug-related offenses.

Sec. 303. Federal aid eligibility for DREAMer students.

TITLE IV—FINANCIAL AID SHOPPING SHEET

Sec. 401. Financial aid shopping sheet.

1 **TITLE I—EXPECTED FAMILY** 2 **CONTRIBUTION**

3 **SEC. 101. EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION.**

4 (a) SPECIAL RULE.—Section 473(b) (20 U.S.C.
5 1087mm) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “academic
7 year” and inserting “award year”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “academic
9 year 2009–2010 and succeeding academic years”
10 and inserting “award year 2018–2019 and suc-
11 ceeding award years”.

12 (b) DATA ELEMENTS.—Section 474(b) (20 U.S.C.
13 1087nm(b)) is amended in paragraph (4), by inserting be-
14 fore “the net” the following: “only in the case of a path-
15 way three applicant,”.

1 (c) DEPENDENT STUDENTS.—Section 475 (20
2 U.S.C. 1087oo) is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by inserting before
4 “the student” the following: “only in the case of a
5 pathway three applicant,”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by inserting before
7 “the parents’” the following: “only in the case of a
8 pathway three applicant,”; and

9 (3) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “award pe-
10 riod” and inserting “award year”.

11 (d) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPEND-
12 ENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 476(a)(1)(B)
13 (20 U.S.C. 1087pp(a)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting be-
14 fore “the family’s contribution” the following: “only in the
15 case of a pathway three applicant,”.

16 (e) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS
17 OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 477(a)(1)(B) (20
18 U.S.C. 1087qq(a)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting before
19 “the family’s contribution” the following: “only in the case
20 of a pathway three applicant,”.

21 **SEC. 102. INCREASING SUPPORT FOR WORKING STUDENTS**

22 **BY 35 PERCENT.**

23 (a) DEPENDENT STUDENTS.—Section 475(g)(2)(D)
24 (20 U.S.C. 1087oo(g)(2)(D)) is amended to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(D) an income protection allowance (or a
2 successor amount prescribed by the Secretary
3 under section 478) of \$9,010 for award year
4 2018–2019;”.

5 (b) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPEND-
6 ENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 476 (20 U.S.C.
7 1087pp) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “award pe-
9 riod” and inserting “award year”; and

10 (2) by amending subsection (b)(1)(A)(iv) to
11 read as follows:

12 “(iv) an income protection allowance
13 (or a successor amount prescribed by the
14 Secretary under section 478)—

15 “(I) for single or separated stu-
16 dents, or married students where both
17 are enrolled pursuant to subsection
18 (a)(2), of \$14,010 for award year
19 2018–2019; and

20 “(II) for married students where
21 1 is enrolled pursuant to subsection
22 (a)(2), of \$22,460 for award year
23 2018–2019;”.

1 (c) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS
 2 OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 477 (20 U.S.C.
 3 1087qq) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “award pe-
 5 riod” and inserting “award year”; and

6 (2) by amending subsection (b)(4) to read as
 7 follows:

8 “(4) INCOME PROTECTION ALLOWANCE.—The
 9 income protection allowance is determined by the fol-
 10 lowing table (or a successor table prescribed by the
 11 Secretary under section 478), for award year 2018–
 12 2019:

“Income Protection Allowance						
Family Size	Number in College					For each additional subtract:
	1	2	3	4	5	
(including student)						
2	\$35,470	\$29,410				\$6,030
3	44,170	38,130	\$32,070			
4	54,540	45,490	42,450	\$36,370		
5	64,360	58,280	52,240	46,190	\$40,160	
6	75,260	69,210	63,190	57,090	51,070	
For each additional add:	8,500					”.

13 (d) UPDATED TABLES AND AMOUNTS.—Section 478
 14 (20 U.S.C. 1087rr) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
 17 graphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each award year
 19 after award year 2018–2019, the Secretary

1 shall publish in the Federal Register a revised
2 table of income protection allowances for the
3 purpose of sections 475(c)(4) and 477(b)(4),
4 subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C).

5 “(B) TABLE FOR INDEPENDENT STU-
6 DENTS.—For each award year after award year
7 2018–2019, the Secretary shall develop the re-
8 vised table of income protection allowances by
9 increasing each of the dollar amounts contained
10 in the table of income protection allowances
11 under section 477(b)(4) by a percentage equal
12 to the estimated percentage increase in the
13 Consumer Price Index (as determined by the
14 Secretary for the most recent calendar year
15 ending prior to the beginning of the award year
16 for which the determination is being made), and
17 rounding the result to the nearest \$10.”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (2)—

19 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
20 “academic year after academic year 2007–
21 2008” and inserting “award year after
22 award year 2018–2019”; and

23 (ii) in the second sentence, by striking
24 “shall be developed” and all that follows
25 through the period at the end and insert-

1 ing “shall be developed for each award
2 year after award year 2018–2019, by in-
3 creasing each of the dollar amounts con-
4 tained in such section for award year
5 2018–2019 by a percentage equal to the
6 estimated percentage increase in the Con-
7 sumer Price Index (as determined by the
8 Secretary for the most recent calendar
9 year ending prior to the beginning of the
10 award year for which the determination is
11 being made), and rounding the result to
12 the nearest \$10.”; and

13 (2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “academic
14 year” and inserting “award year”.

15 **SEC. 103. ZERO EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION.**

16 Section 479 (20 U.S.C. 1087ss) is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 **“SEC. 479. ZERO EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall consider an
20 applicant to have an expected family contribution equal
21 to zero if—

22 “(1) in the case of a dependent student—

23 “(A)(i) the student’s parents file, or are el-
24 igible to file, a qualifying form or certify that

1 the parents are not required to file a Federal
2 income tax return; and

3 “(ii) the sum of the adjusted gross income
4 of the parents is less than or equal to \$34,000;
5 or

6 “(B) the student’s parents, or the student,
7 received benefits at some time during the pre-
8 vious 24-month period under a means-tested
9 Federal benefit program;

10 “(2) in the case of an independent student
11 without regard to whether the student has depend-
12 ents other than a spouse—

13 “(A)(i) the student (and the student’s
14 spouse, if any) files, or is eligible to file, a
15 qualifying form or certifies that the student
16 (and the student’s spouse, if any) is not re-
17 quired to file a Federal income tax return; and

18 “(ii) the sum of the adjusted gross income
19 of the student and spouse (if appropriate) is
20 less than or equal to \$34,000; or

21 “(B) the student received benefits at some
22 time during the previous 24-month period
23 under a means-tested Federal benefit program;
24 or

1 “(3) the applicant is a pathway one applicant
2 under section 483(a)(13).

3 “(b) EARNED INCOME CREDIT.—An individual is not
4 required to qualify or file for the earned income credit in
5 order to be eligible under this section.

6 “(c) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary shall annually
7 adjust the income level necessary to qualify an applicant
8 for the zero expected family contribution. The income level
9 shall be annually increased by the estimated percentage
10 change in the Consumer Price Index, as defined in section
11 478(f), for the most recent calendar year ending prior to
12 the beginning of an award year, and rounded to the near-
13 est \$1,000.

14 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) QUALIFYING FORM.—The term ‘qualifying
16 form’ means, in the case of an independent student,
17 the student, or in the case of a dependent student,
18 the family, files—

19 “(A) a form 1040A or 1040EZ (including
20 any prepared or electronic version of such form)
21 required pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code
22 of 1986;

23 “(B) a form 1040 (including any prepared
24 or electronic version of such form) required
25 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,

1 except that such form shall be considered a
2 qualifying form only if the student or family
3 files such form in order to take a tax credit
4 under section 25A of the Internal Revenue
5 Code of 1986, and would otherwise be eligible
6 to file a form described in subparagraph (A); or

7 “(C) an income tax return (including any
8 prepared or electronic version of such return)
9 required pursuant to the tax code of the Com-
10 monwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American
11 Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Republic of the
12 Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Mi-
13 cronesia, or Palau.

14 “(2) MEANS-TESTED FEDERAL BENEFIT PRO-
15 GRAM.—For purposes of this paragraph, a ‘means-
16 tested Federal benefit program’ means a mandatory
17 spending program of the Federal Government, other
18 than a program under this title, in which eligibility
19 for the program’s benefits, or the amount of such
20 benefits, are determined on the basis of income or
21 resources of the individual or family seeking the ben-
22 efit, and may include such programs as—

23 “(A) the supplemental security income pro-
24 gram under title XVI of the Social Security Act
25 (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

1 “(B) the supplemental nutrition assistance
2 program under the Food and Nutrition Act of
3 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

4 “(C) the program of block grants for
5 States for temporary assistance for needy fami-
6 lies established under part A of title IV of the
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

8 “(D) the special supplemental nutrition
9 program for women, infants, and children es-
10 tablished by section 17 of the Child Nutrition
11 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786);

12 “(E) the State Medicaid program under
13 title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
14 1396 et seq.); and

15 “(F) other programs identified by the Sec-
16 retary.”.

17 **SEC. 104. USING DATA FROM THE SECOND PRECEDING**
18 **YEAR.**

19 Section 480(a)(1)(B) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(a)(1)(B)) is
20 amended by striking “may” in both places it appears and
21 inserting “shall”.

22 **SEC. 105. CHANGES TO UNTAXED INCOME AND BENEFITS.**

23 Section 480(b) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(b)) is amended—
24 (1) in paragraph (1), to read as follows:

1 “(1) The term ‘untaxed income and benefits’
2 means—

3 “(A) child support received;

4 “(B) untaxed portion of pensions; and

5 “(C) payments to individual retirement ac-
6 counts and Keogh accounts excluded from in-
7 come for Federal income tax purposes.”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) by striking “or” at the end of subpara-
10 graph (E);

11 (B) by striking the period at the end of
12 subparagraph (F) and inserting a semicolon;
13 and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(G) workman’s compensation;

16 “(H) veteran’s benefits such as death pen-
17 sion, dependency, and indemnity compensation,
18 but excluding veterans’ education benefits as
19 defined in subsection (c);

20 “(I) interest on tax-free bonds;

21 “(J) housing, food, and other allowances
22 (excluding rent subsidies for low-income hous-
23 ing) for military, clergy, and others (including
24 cash payments and cash value of benefits), ex-
25 cept that the value of on-base military housing

1 or the value of basic allowance for housing de-
 2 termined under section 403(b) of title 37,
 3 United States Code, received by the parents, in
 4 the case of a dependent student, or the student
 5 or student’s spouse, in the case of an inde-
 6 pendent student, shall be excluded;

7 “(K) cash support or any money paid on
 8 the student’s behalf, except, for dependent stu-
 9 dents, funds provided by the student’s parents;
 10 and

11 “(L) any other untaxed income and bene-
 12 fits, such as Black Lung Benefits, Refugee As-
 13 sistance, or railroad retirement benefits, or ben-
 14 efits received through participation in employ-
 15 ment and training activities under title I of the
 16 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
 17 2801 et seq.).”.

18 **TITLE II—SIMPLIFYING THE** 19 **FAFSA**

20 **SEC. 201. FAFSA PATHWAYS.**

21 Section 483(a) (20 U.S.C. 1090) is amended by add-
 22 ing at the end the following:

23 “(13) FAFSA PATHWAYS.—

24 “(A) MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
 25 STANDING.—Not later than the effective date of

1 the Simple FAFSA Act of 2017, the Secretary
2 shall seek to enter into a Memorandum of Un-
3 derstanding with the Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services, the Secretary of Agriculture,
5 and the Secretary of the Treasury, under which
6 any information exchanged under an income
7 and eligibility verification system established
8 pursuant to section 1137 of the Social Security
9 Act by State agencies administering a program
10 listed in paragraph (1), (4), or (5) of subsection
11 (b) of such section which may be of use in es-
12 tablishing or verifying eligibility or benefit
13 amounts under such program shall be made
14 available to the Secretary of Education to assist
15 in determining whether the applicant (or the
16 applicant's parents) received a benefit under a
17 means-tested Federal benefit program at some
18 time during the previous 24-month period
19 under a means-tested Federal benefit program,
20 but subject to the requirements of Federal law.

21 “(B) REQUIREMENT FOR ALL APPLICANTS
22 AND THE SECRETARY.—For any award year for
23 which an applicant applies for financial assist-
24 ance under this title (except for any award year

1 for which, pursuant to paragraph (14), the ap-
2 plicant is not required to submit a FAFSA)—

3 “(i) the applicant shall provide on the
4 form described in this subsection whether
5 the applicant received, or in the case of a
6 dependent applicant, whether the parents
7 of the applicant received, a benefit under a
8 means-tested Federal benefit program at
9 some time during the previous 24-month
10 period under a means-tested Federal ben-
11 efit program; and

12 “(ii) the Secretary, to the extent prac-
13 ticable and pursuant to the Memorandum
14 of Understanding entered into under sub-
15 paragraph (A), and without any further
16 action by the applicant, shall verify the ap-
17 plicant’s (or the applicant’s parents) re-
18 ceipt of such benefit.

19 “(C) PATHWAY ONE APPLICANTS.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an
21 applicant who received, or in the case of a
22 dependent applicant, whose parents re-
23 ceived, benefits at some time during the
24 previous 24-month period under a means-
25 tested Federal benefit program, the appli-

1 cant shall not be required to provide any
2 further income or asset information on the
3 form under this subsection.

4 “(ii) DESIGNATION.—For purposes of
5 this section and part F, an applicant de-
6 scribed in clause (i) shall be referred to as
7 a ‘pathway one applicant’.

8 “(D) PATHWAY TWO APPLICANTS.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an
10 applicant who is not a pathway one appli-
11 cant and who is not required to file or, in
12 the case of a dependent applicant, no par-
13 ent of the applicant is required to file, any
14 schedule (other than a schedule R, sched-
15 ule 8812, or schedule EIC) with a Federal
16 income tax return, the Secretary, to the ex-
17 tent practicable, shall use the data re-
18 trieval tool under section 484(q) to obtain
19 any information for the applicant beyond
20 the information described in subparagraph
21 (A) for purposes of the form under this
22 subsection.

23 “(ii) DESIGNATION.—For purposes of
24 this section and part F, an applicant de-

1 scribed in clause (i) shall be referred to as
2 a ‘pathway two applicant’.

3 “(E) PATHWAY THREE APPLICANTS.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an
5 applicant who is not a pathway one appli-
6 cant or a pathway two applicant, the Sec-
7 retary, to the extent practicable, shall use
8 the data retrieval tool under section 484(q)
9 to obtain any information for the applicant
10 beyond the information described in sub-
11 paragraph (A) for purposes of the form
12 under this subsection.

13 “(ii) DESIGNATION.—For purposes of
14 this section and part F, an applicant de-
15 scribed in clause (i) shall be referred to as
16 a ‘pathway three applicant’.

17 “(F) MEANS-TESTED FEDERAL BENEFIT
18 PROGRAM DEFINED.—For purposes of this
19 paragraph, the term ‘means-tested Federal ben-
20 efit program’ has the meaning given the term
21 in section 479(d)(2).”.

22 **SEC. 202. ONE-TIME FAFSA FILING FOR DEPENDENT STU-**
23 **DENTS.**

24 Section 483(a) (20 U.S.C. 1090(a)) is further
25 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(14) ONE-TIME FAFSA FILING FOR DEPEND-
2 ENT STUDENTS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of this section and subject to
5 subparagraphs (B) and (C), an applicant who
6 submits a FAFSA for the first time during the
7 period required for the completion of the first
8 undergraduate baccalaureate course of study
9 being pursued by such applicant and is deter-
10 mined to be a dependent student who is eligible
11 to receive a Federal Pell Grant for the award
12 year for which the applicant submitted such
13 FAFSA, for any succeeding award year—

14 “(i) for which the applicant does not
15 submit a FAFSA and for which the appli-
16 cant submits a certification form described
17 in subparagraph (D) based upon which the
18 Secretary confirms that the applicant is a
19 dependent student for such year, such ap-
20 plicant—

21 “(I) shall not be required to sub-
22 mit a FAFSA to receive financial as-
23 sistance under this title; and

24 “(II) shall have an expected fam-
25 ily contribution for such year that is

1 equal to the expected family contribu-
2 tion of the applicant determined for
3 the award year for which the appli-
4 cant submitted a FAFSA during such
5 period, except that an adjustment to
6 such expected family contribution may
7 be made under section 479A;

8 “(ii) for which the applicant submits a
9 FAFSA, such applicant—

10 “(I) shall have an expected fam-
11 ily contribution for such year that is
12 determined based on such FAFSA;
13 and

14 “(II) shall be required to submit
15 a FAFSA for any other award year
16 for which the applicant seeks financial
17 assistance under this title; and

18 “(iii) for which the applicant is deter-
19 mined to be an independent student or
20 does not submit a certification form de-
21 scribed in subparagraph (D), such appli-
22 cant shall submit a FAFSA for such suc-
23 ceeding award year and any other award
24 year for which the applicant seeks financial
25 assistance under this title.

1 “(B) ADJUSTMENT OF EXPECTED FAMILY
2 CONTRIBUTION.—With respect to an applicant
3 described in subparagraph (A)(i) who receives
4 an adjustment under section 479A to the ex-
5 pected family contribution of the applicant for
6 an award year, for any succeeding award year
7 after the award year for which the adjustment
8 was made, subclause (II) of such subparagraph
9 shall be applied to such applicant by sub-
10 stituting ‘expected family contribution of the
11 applicant as most recently adjusted under sec-
12 tion 479A for such applicant’ for the ‘expected
13 family contribution of the applicant determined
14 for the award year for which the applicant sub-
15 mitted a FAFSA during such period’.

16 “(C) RULE FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.—
17 With respect to an applicant who submits a
18 FAFSA for award year 2018–2019 and enrolls
19 in an institution of higher education for such
20 year, subparagraph (A) shall be applied—

21 “(i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
22 by substituting ‘award year 2018–2019’
23 for ‘the first time’; and

24 “(ii) in clause (i)(II), by substituting
25 ‘award year 2018–2019’ for ‘the award

1 year for which the applicant submitted a
2 FAFSA during such period’.

3 “(D) DEPENDENT STUDENT CERTIFI-
4 CATION FORM.—The Secretary, in cooperation
5 with representatives of agencies and organiza-
6 tions involved in student financial assistance,
7 shall use behavioral science insights to produce,
8 distribute, and process free of charge a short
9 and simple consumer-tested dependent student
10 certification form that uses skip logic to bypass
11 fields that are inapplicable to an applicant.
12 Such form shall not require an applicant to pro-
13 vide data that the Secretary may otherwise ob-
14 tain with respect to the applicant (such as age
15 or active duty military status), and may only
16 contain the data elements required for purposes
17 of subparagraph (A)(i)—

18 “(i) to confirm that the applicant is a
19 dependent student;

20 “(ii) to allow the applicant to update
21 the contact information of such applicant
22 or the Federal School Code of the institu-
23 tion of higher education in which the appli-
24 cant is, or will be enrolled, for the award

1 year for which the applicant submits such
2 form; and

3 “(iii) to ask whether the applicant’s
4 need and eligibility for financial assistance
5 under this title has not changed substan-
6 tially since the most recent of the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(I) The applicant submitted a
9 FAFSA.

10 “(II) The applicant received an
11 adjustment under section 479A to the
12 expected family contribution of the
13 applicant.

14 “(E) SUCCEEDING AWARD YEAR DE-
15 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘suc-
16 ceeding award year’—

17 “(i) when used with respect to an ap-
18 plicant who submits a FAFSA for the first
19 time for an award year during the period
20 required for the completion of the first un-
21 dergraduate baccalaureate course of study
22 being pursued by such applicant, means
23 any award year during such period that
24 follows the award year for which the appli-
25 cant submits such FAFSA; and

1 “(ii) when used with respect to an ap-
2 plicant described in subparagraph (C),
3 means any award year after award year
4 2018–2019 during the period required for
5 the completion of the first undergraduate
6 baccalaureate course of study being pur-
7 sued by such applicant.”.

8 **SEC. 203. FAFSA IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES.**

9 Section 483(a) (20 U.S.C. 1090(a)) is further
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(15) FAFSA IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES.—The
12 Secretary shall—

13 “(A) translate the form developed under
14 this subsection into not fewer than 11 foreign
15 languages based on the languages most often
16 spoken by English learner students and their
17 parents, and make the translated form available
18 to applicants in paper and electronic formats;
19 and

20 “(B) ensure that the form developed under
21 this subsection is available in formats accessible
22 to individuals with disabilities.”.

1 **SEC. 204. USE OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DATA RE-**
2 **TRIEVAL TOOL TO POPULATE FAFSA.**

3 Section 483(f) (20 U.S.C. 1090(f)) is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 “(f) USE OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DATA
6 RETRIEVAL TOOL TO POPULATE FAFSA.—

7 “(1) SIMPLIFICATION EFFORTS.—The Sec-
8 retary shall—

9 “(A) make every effort to allow applicants
10 to utilize the current data retrieval tool to
11 transfer data available from the Internal Rev-
12 enue Service to reduce the amount of original
13 data entry by applicants and strengthen the re-
14 liability of data used to calculate expected fam-
15 ily contributions, including through the use of
16 technology to—

17 “(i) allow an applicant to automati-
18 cally populate the electronic version of the
19 forms under this paragraph with data
20 available from the Internal Revenue Serv-
21 ice; and

22 “(ii) direct an applicant to appro-
23 priate questions on such forms based on
24 the applicant’s answers to previous ques-
25 tions; and

1 “(B) allow single taxpayers, married tax-
2 payers filing jointly, and married taxpayers fil-
3 ing separately to utilize the current data re-
4 trieval tool to its full capacity.

5 “(2) USE OF TAX RETURN IN APPLICATION
6 PROCESS.—The Secretary shall continue to examine
7 whether data provided by the Internal Revenue Serv-
8 ice can be used to generate an expected family con-
9 tribution without additional action on the part of the
10 student and taxpayer.

11 “(3) REPORTS ON FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION EF-
12 FORTS.—Not less than once every other year, the
13 Secretary shall report to the authorizing committees
14 and the Committees on Appropriations of the House
15 of Representatives and the Senate on the progress of
16 the simplification efforts under this subsection.”.

17 **SEC. 205. INFORMATION ON FAFSA VERIFICATION.**

18 Section 483 (20 U.S.C. 1090) is further amended by
19 adding at the end the following:

20 “(i) FAFSA VERIFICATION.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to applicants
22 who submit a FAFSA for an award year and were
23 eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant for such
24 award year, the Secretary shall submit to the au-

1 thorizing committees, and make publicly available, a
2 report for such award year on—

3 “(A) the percentage of such applicants who
4 received a Federal Pell Grant for such award
5 year;

6 “(B) the percentage of such applicants
7 who did not receive a Federal Pell Grant for
8 such year;

9 “(C) the percentage of such applicants who
10 were selected by the Secretary for verification of
11 the data provided in the FAFSA;

12 “(D) the percentage of applicants de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1)(C) who received a
14 Federal Pell Grant for such award year; and

15 “(E) the percentage of applicants de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1)(C) who did not receive
17 a Federal Pell Grant for such award year.

18 “(2) DISAGGREGATION.—The data provided in
19 a report under paragraph (1) shall be
20 disaggregated—

21 “(A) by applicants who were pathway 1
22 applicants for such year;

23 “(B) by applicants who were pathway 2
24 applicants for such year;

1 “(C) by applicants who were pathway 3
2 applicants for such year; and

3 “(D) to the extent practicable, by appli-
4 cants who enrolled in an institution of higher
5 education for such award year.”.

6 **SEC. 206. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 483.**

7 Section 483 (20 U.S.C. 1090), as amended by sec-
8 tions 201 through 205, is further amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) in paragraph (2)—

11 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
12 “process” and all that follows through the
13 end of clause (ii) and inserting “process a
14 paper version of the forms described in
15 this subsection, in accordance with sub-
16 paragraph (C).”; and

17 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B);

18 (B) in paragraph (3)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
20 the end sentence; and

21 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B), and
22 redesignating subparagraphs (C) through
23 (H) as subparagraphs (B) through (G), re-
24 spectively;

25 (C) in paragraph (4)—

- 1 (i) by striking “academic year” each
2 place it appears and inserting “award
3 year”; and
- 4 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
5 clause (iv); and
- 6 (D) in paragraph (5)—
- 7 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
8 “paragraphs (2)(B)(iii), (3)(B), and
9 (4)(A)(ii)” and inserting “paragraph
10 (4)(A)(ii)”;
- 11 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—
- 12 (I) by striking “determine” and
13 all that follows through “which” and
14 inserting “determine which”; and
- 15 (II) by striking clause (ii);
- 16 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
17 “the Secretary” and all that follows
18 through “of the” and inserting “the Sec-
19 retary of the”; and
- 20 (iv) by striking subparagraphs (D)
21 through (F), and redesignating subpara-
22 graph (G) as subparagraph (D);
- 23 (2) in subsection (c), by striking the last sen-
24 tence;
- 25 (3) in subsection (d)(3)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and
2 EZ FAFSA”; and

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and
4 EZ FAFSA”;

5 (4) in subsection (e)—

6 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “or, as
7 appropriate, an EZ FAFSA”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (5)(D), by striking “or,
9 as appropriate, an EZ FAFSA,”; and

10 (5) by repealing subsection (g).

11 **TITLE III—FEDERAL AID**
12 **ELIGIBILITY**

13 **SEC. 301. EXCEPTION TO REQUIRED REGISTRATION WITH**
14 **SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM.**

15 (a) EXCEPTION.—Part B of title I (20 U.S.C. 1011
16 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

17 **“SEC. 124. EXCEPTION TO REQUIRED REGISTRATION WITH**
18 **SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM.**

19 “Notwithstanding section 12(f) of the Military Selec-
20 tive Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3811(f)), a person shall not
21 be ineligible for assistance or a benefit provided under title
22 IV if the person is required under section 3 of such Act
23 (50 U.S.C. 3802) to present himself for and submit to
24 registration under such section, and fails to do so in ac-

1 cordance with any proclamation, rule, or regulation issued
2 under such section.”.

3 (b) REPEAL.—Subsection (n) of section 484 (20
4 U.S.C. 1901) is repealed.

5 **SEC. 302. REPEAL OF SUSPENSION OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER**
6 **THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 FOR**
7 **GRANTS, LOANS, AND WORK ASSISTANCE FOR**
8 **DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES.**

9 (a) REPEALS.—

10 (1) SUSPENSION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Subsection
11 (r) of section 484 (20 U.S.C. 1091(r)) is repealed.

12 (2) NOTICE.—Subsection (k) of section 485 (20
13 U.S.C. 1092) is repealed.

14 (b) REVISION OF FAFSA FORM.—Section 483 (20
15 U.S.C. 1090), as amended by title II, is further amended
16 by adding at the end the following:

17 “(j) CONVICTIONS.—The Secretary shall not include
18 any question about the conviction of an applicant for the
19 possession or sale of illegal drugs on the FAFSA (or any
20 other form developed under subsection (a)).”.

21 **SEC. 303. FEDERAL AID ELIGIBILITY FOR DREAMER STU-**
22 **DENTS.**

23 Section 484 (20 U.S.C. 1091) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(5), by inserting “, or be a
2 Dreamer student, as defined in subsection (u)” after
3 “becoming a citizen or permanent resident”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(u) DREAMER STUDENTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
7 ‘Dreamer student’ means an individual who—

8 “(A) was younger than 16 years of age on
9 the date on which the individual initially en-
10 tered the United States;

11 “(B) has provided a list of each secondary
12 school that the student attended in the United
13 States; and

14 “(C)(i) has earned a high school diploma,
15 the recognized equivalent of such diploma from
16 a secondary school, or a high school equivalency
17 diploma in the United States or is scheduled to
18 complete the requirements for such a diploma
19 or equivalent before the next academic year be-
20 gins;

21 “(ii) has acquired a degree from an institu-
22 tion of higher education or has completed not
23 less than 2 years in a program for a bacca-
24 laureate degree or higher degree at an institu-
25 tion of higher education in the United States

1 and has made satisfactory academic progress,
2 as defined in subsection (c), during such time
3 period;

4 “(iii) at any time was eligible for a grant
5 of deferred action under—

6 “(I) the June 15, 2012, memorandum
7 from the Secretary of Homeland Security
8 entitled ‘Exercising Prosecutorial Discre-
9 tion with Respect to Individuals Who
10 Came to the United States as Children’; or

11 “(II) the November 20, 2014, memo-
12 randum from the Secretary of Homeland
13 Security entitled ‘Exercising Prosecutorial
14 Discretion with Respect to Individuals
15 Who Came to the United States as Chil-
16 dren and with Respect to Certain Individ-
17 uals Who Are the Parents of U.S. Citizens
18 or Permanent Residents’; or

19 “(iv) has served in the uniformed services,
20 as defined in section 101 of title 10, United
21 States Code, for not less than 4 years and, if
22 discharged, received an honorable discharge.

23 “(2) HARDSHIP EXCEPTION.—The Secretary
24 shall issue regulations that direct when the Depart-
25 ment shall waive the requirement of subparagraph

1 (A) or (B), or both, of paragraph (1) for an indi-
2 vidual to qualify as a Dreamer student under such
3 paragraph, if the individual—

4 “(A) demonstrates compelling cir-
5 cumstances for the inability to satisfy the re-
6 quirement of such subparagraph (A) or (B), or
7 both; and

8 “(B) satisfies the requirement of para-
9 graph (1)(C).”.

10 **TITLE IV—FINANCIAL AID** 11 **SHOPPING SHEET**

12 **SEC. 401. FINANCIAL AID SHOPPING SHEET.**

13 (a) SECRETARIAL REQUIREMENTS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the effective
15 date of this Act, the Secretary of Education, in con-
16 sultation with the Secretaries of Defense and Vet-
17 erans Affairs, shall develop and finalize a financial
18 shopping sheet that ensures each institution of high-
19 er education provides meaningful information about
20 the financial cost and quality of such institution to
21 students (including students who have authorized
22 the Department of Education to send the student’s
23 Institutional Student Information Record to such in-
24 stitution) to assist such students in determining how

1 to use financial aid to attend such institution, and
2 which—

3 (A) is standardized so that it can be used
4 by all institutions of higher education;

5 (B) is consumer tested, and presented in a
6 manner that is simple and easily understand-
7 able; and

8 (C) is personalized for each student who
9 receives such sheet by including—

10 (i) the cost of attendance of the edu-
11 cational program in which the student is
12 enrolled or seeks to be enrolled;

13 (ii) the type of Federal educational
14 benefits available to assist in covering such
15 cost of attendance, including loans and
16 grants under title IV of the Higher Edu-
17 cation Act of 1965;

18 (iii) the amount of financial aid, in-
19 cluding Federal, State, institutional, or
20 other aid that can be used to assist in cov-
21 ering such cost of attendance;

22 (iv) information about student out-
23 comes for students who graduate from
24 such educational program, including, based
25 upon the most recent data available—

- 1 (I) the graduation rate;
- 2 (II) the loan repayment rate; and
- 3 (III) the estimated loan debt
- 4 upon graduation; and
- 5 (v) any other information that facili-
- 6 tates comparison of aid packages offered
- 7 by different institutions of higher edu-
- 8 cation.

9 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

10 (A) COST OF ATTENDANCE.—The term

11 “cost of attendance” has the meaning given the

12 term in section 472 of the Higher Education

13 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087l).

14 (B) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-

15 CATION.—The term “institution of higher edu-

16 cation” has the meaning given the term in sec-

17 tion 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965

18 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

19 (b) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION REQUIRE-

20 MENT.—Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of

21 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the

22 end the following:

23 “(30) The institution will use a financial aid

24 shopping sheet described in section 401(a) of the

25 Simple FAFSA Act of 2017 as its sole financial

- 1 award letter or include such sheet as a supplemental
- 2 cover to such financial award letter.”.

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