

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3730

To expand educational opportunities for recipients of assistance under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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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## 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 “Education Counts Act  
5       of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR**  
2 **RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THE**  
3 **PROGRAM OF BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES**  
4 **FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY**  
5 **FAMILIES.**

6 (a) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OR VOCATIONAL  
7 EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AS PERMISSIBLE WORK ACTIVI-  
8 TIES.—Section 407(d)(8) of the Social Security Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 607(d)(8)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(8) postsecondary education or vocational edu-  
11 cational training (not to exceed 48 months, with re-  
12 spect to any individual);”.

13 (b) MODIFICATIONS TO THE EDUCATIONAL CAP.—

14 (1) REMOVAL OF TEEN PARENTS FROM 30 PER-  
15 CENT LIMITATION.—Section 407(c)(2)(D) of the So-  
16 cial Security Act (42U.S.C. 607(c)(2)(D)) is amend-  
17 ed by striking “, or (if the month is in fiscal year  
18 2000 or thereafter) deemed to be engaged in work  
19 for the month by reason of subparagraph (C) of this  
20 paragraph”.

21 (2) EXTENSION OF CAP TO POSTSECONDARY  
22 EDUCATION.—Section 407(c)(2)(D) of the Social Se-  
23 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 607(c)(2)(D)) is amended by  
24 striking “vocational educational training” and in-  
25 serting “education or training described in sub-  
26 section (d)(8)”.

1           (c) CLARIFICATION THAT PARTICIPATION IN A FED-  
2 ERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM IS A PERMISSIBLE WORK  
3 ACTIVITY UNDER THE TANF PROGRAM.—Paragraphs  
4 (2) and (3) of section 407(d) of the Social Security Act  
5 (42 U.S.C. 607(d)) are each amended by inserting “(in-  
6 cluding participation in an activity under a program estab-  
7 lished under part C of title IV of the Higher Education  
8 Act of 1965)” before the semicolon.

9           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
10 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2002.

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