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To amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure graduate opportunities in postsecondary education, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. McKEON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. COLE) 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; REFERENCES; TABLE OF CON-**
4 **TENTS.**

5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
6 “Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act of
7 2003”.

8 (b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly
9 provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal

1 is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of,
2 a section or other provision, the reference shall be consid-
3 ered to be made to a section or other provision of the
4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

5 **SEC. 2. JAVITS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.**

6 (a) PRIORITY.—Section 701(a) (20 U.S.C. 1134(a))
7 is amended by inserting after the second sentence the fol-
8 lowing new sentence: “The Secretary shall provide a pri-
9 ority for the purpose of awarding fellowships under this
10 section to students who are enrolled in graduate courses
11 of study in advanced linguistics and in courses that pre-
12 pare teachers to teach students with limited English pro-
13 ficiency.”.

14 (b) INTERRUPTIONS OF STUDY.—Section 701(c) (20
15 U.S.C. 1134(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing new sentence: “In the case of other exceptional cir-
17 cumstances, such as active duty military service or per-
18 sonal or family member illness, the institution of higher
19 education may also permit the fellowship recipient to in-
20 terrupt periods of study for not more than 12 months,
21 but without payment of the stipend.”.

22 (c) ALLOCATION OF FELLOWSHIPS.—Section
23 702(a)(1) (20 U.S.C. 1134a(a)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting “from di-
2 verse geographic regions” after “higher education”;
3 and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-
5 tence: “The Secretary shall also assure that at least
6 one representative appointed to the Board represents
7 an institution that is eligible for a grant under title
8 III or V of this Act.”.

9 (d) STIPENDS.—Section 703 (20 U.S.C. 1134b(a)) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) by striking “1999–2000” and inserting
13 “2004–2005”;

14 (B) by striking “shall be set” and inserting
15 “may be set”; and

16 (C) by striking “Foundation graduate fel-
17 lowships” and inserting “Foundation Graduate
18 Research Fellowship Program”; and

19 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
20 lows:

21 “(b) INSTITUTIONAL PAYMENTS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall (in ad-
23 dition to stipends paid to individuals under this sub-
24 part) pay to the institution of higher education, for
25 each individual awarded a fellowship under this sub-

1 part at such institution, an institutional allowance.
2 Except as provided in paragraph (2), such allowance
3 shall be, for 2004–2005 and succeeding academic
4 years, the same amount as the institutional payment
5 made for 2003–2004 adjusted for 2004–2005 and
6 annually thereafter in accordance with inflation as
7 determined by the Department of Labor’s Consumer
8 Price Index for the previous calendar year.

9 “(2) REDUCTION.—The institutional allowance
10 paid under paragraph (1) shall be reduced by the
11 amount the institution charges and collects from a
12 fellowship recipient for tuition and other expenses as
13 part of the recipient’s instructional program.”.

14 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
15 705 (20 U.S.C. 1134d) is amended by striking “fiscal year
16 1999 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the
17 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting “fiscal year 2004
18 and sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding
19 fiscal years”.

20 **SEC. 3. GRADUATE ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF NATIONAL**
21 **NEED.**

22 (a) PRIORITY.—Section 711(a) (20 U.S.C. 1135(a))
23 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
24 graph:

1 “(3) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall establish
2 a priority for grants to institutions of higher edu-
3 cation in order to prepare math, science and special
4 education faculty who can train highly qualified
5 math, science and special education elementary and
6 secondary school teachers. Such grants shall offer
7 program assistance and graduate fellowships for—

8 “(A) post-baccalaureate study related to
9 teacher preparation in math, science, or special
10 education; and

11 “(B) support of dissertation research in
12 math, science, or special education.”.

13 (b) DESIGNATION OF AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED.—
14 The last sentence of section 712(b) (20 U.S.C. 1135a(b))
15 is amended—

16 (1) by striking “and an assessment” and insert-
17 ing “an assessment”; and

18 (2) by inserting before the period at the end of
19 the following: “and the priority described in section
20 711 (a)(3)”.

21 (c) STIPENDS.—Section 714(b) (20 U.S.C. 1135c(b))
22 is amended—

23 (1) by striking “1999–2000” and inserting
24 “2004–2005”;

1 (2) by striking “shall be set” and inserting
2 “may be set”; and

3 (3) by striking “Foundation graduate fellow-
4 ships” and inserting “Foundation Graduate Re-
5 search Fellowship Program”.

6 (d) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 715(a)(1)
7 (20 U.S.C. 1135d(a)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “1999–2000” and inserting
9 “2004–2005”; and

10 (2) by striking “1998–1999” and inserting
11 “2003–2004”.

12 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
13 716 (20 U.S.C. 1135e) is amended by striking “fiscal year
14 1999 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the
15 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting “fiscal year 2004
16 and sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding
17 fiscal years”.

18 (f) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 714(c) (20
19 U.S.C. 1135c(c)) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “section 716(a)” and inserting
21 “section 715(a)”; and

22 (2) by striking “section 714(b)(2)” and insert-
23 ing “section 713(b)(2)”.

1 **SEC. 4. THURGOOD MARSHALL LEGAL EDUCATIONAL OP-**
2 **PORTUNITY PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **CONTRACT AND GRANT PURPOSES.**—Section
4 721(c) (20 U.S.C. 1136(c)) is amended—

5 (1) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(2) to prepare such students for study at ac-
8 credited law schools and assist them with the devel-
9 opment of analytical skills and study methods to en-
10 hance their success and promote completion of law
11 school;”;

12 (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
13 (4);

14 (3) by striking the period at the end of para-
15 graph (5) and inserting “; and”; and

16 (4) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(6) to award Thurgood Marshall Fellowships
19 to eligible law school students—

20 “(A) who participated in summer institutes
21 authorized by subsection (d) and who are en-
22 rolled in an accredited law school; or

23 “(B) who are eligible law school students
24 who have successfully completed a comparable
25 summer institute program certified by the
26 Council on Legal Educational Opportunity.”.

1 (b) SERVICES PROVIDED.—Section 721(d)(1)(D) (20
2 U.S.C. 1136(d)(1)(D)) is amended by inserting “in ana-
3 lytical skills and study methods” after “courses”.

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
5 721(h) (20 U.S.C. 1136(h)) is amended by striking “1999
6 and each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting
7 “2004 and each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years”.

8 (d) GENERAL PROVISIONS.—Subsection (e) of section
9 731 (20 U.S.C. 1137(e)) is repealed.

10 **SEC. 5. FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF POSTSEC-**
11 **ONDARY EDUCATION.**

12 (a) CONTRACT AND GRANT PURPOSES.—Section
13 741(a) (20 U.S.C. 1138(a)) is amended—

14 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
15 lows:

16 “(1) the encouragement of the reform and im-
17 provement of, and innovation in, postsecondary edu-
18 cation and the provision of educational opportunity
19 for all, especially for the non-traditional student pop-
20 ulations;”;

21 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting before the
22 semicolon at the end the following: “for postsec-
23 ondary students, especially those that provide aca-
24 demic credit for programs”;

1 (3) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(3) the establishment of institutions and pro-
4 grams based on the technology of communications,
5 including delivery by distance education;” and

6 (4) by amending paragraph (6) to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(6) the introduction of institutional reforms
9 designed to expand individual opportunities for en-
10 tering and reentering postsecondary institutions and
11 pursuing programs of postsecondary study tailored
12 to individual needs;”.

13 (b) SPECIAL PROJECTS.—Paragraph (4) of section
14 744(c) (20 U.S.C. 1138c(c)(4)) is amended to read as fol-
15 lows:

16 “(4) International cooperation, partnerships, or
17 student exchange among postsecondary educational
18 institutions in the United States and abroad.”.

19 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
20 745 (20 U.S.C. 1138d) is amended by striking
21 “\$30,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and such sums as may
22 be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and
23 inserting “\$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such
24 sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding
25 fiscal years” .

1 **SEC. 6. URBAN COMMUNITY SERVICE.**

2 Part C of title VII (20 U.S.C. 1139 et seq.) is re-
3 pealed.

4 **SEC. 7. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO ENSURE STUDENTS**
5 **WITH DISABILITIES RECEIVE A QUALITY**
6 **HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

11 (b) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—

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

14 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “in
15 order to improve retention and completion”
16 after “disabilities”;

17 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
18 and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (E), respec-
19 tively;

20 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
21 the following new subparagraph:

22 “(B) EFFECTIVE TRANSITION PRAC-
23 TICES.—The development of innovative, effec-
24 tive, and efficient teaching methods and strate-
25 gies to ensure the smooth transition of students

1 with disabilities from high school to postsec-
2 ondary education.”; and

3 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
4 (as redesignated by subparagraph (B) of this
5 paragraph) the following new subparagraph:

6 “(D) DISTANCE LEARNING.—The develop-
7 ment of innovative, effective, and efficient
8 teaching methods and strategies to provide fac-
9 ulty and administrators with the ability to pro-
10 vide accessible distance education programs or
11 classes that would enhance access of students
12 with disabilities to higher education, including
13 the use of electronic communication for instruc-
14 tion and advisement.”.

15 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
16 762(b)(3) is amended by striking “subparagraphs
17 (A) through (C)” and inserting “subparagraphs (A)
18 through (E)”.

19 (c) APPLICATIONS.—Section 763 (20 U.S.C. 1140b)
20 is amended—

21 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
22 lows:

23 “(1) a description of how such institution plans
24 to address the activities allowed under this part;”;

1 (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (2);

3 (3) by striking the period at the end of para-
4 graph (3) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (4) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(4) a description of the extent to which an in-
8 stitution will work to replicate the best practices of
9 institutions of higher education with demonstrated
10 success in serving students with disabilities.”.

11 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
12 765 (20 U.S.C. 1140d) is amended by striking “fiscal year
13 1999 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the
14 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting “fiscal year 2004
15 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 suc-
16 ceeding fiscal years”.

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