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H. R. 6959

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to clarify the procedures for awarding grants and contracts for Federal Trio Programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa (for himself, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. LATHAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 The Act may be cited as the “Fair Funding for Up-
5 ward Bound Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING GRANTS AND CON-**
7 **TRACTS FOR FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAMS.**

8 Section 402A(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
9 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–11(e)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
2 following: “An application shall not receive a lower
3 peer review score for failing to contain any informa-
4 tion or assurances not specified by the Secretary in
5 the guidance issued by the Secretary pursuant to
6 paragraphs (8)(A) or (8)(B). Not later than 30 days
7 before the date of implementation of any changes in
8 the procedures for awarding grants and contracts
9 not specified in the guidance issued by the Secretary
10 pursuant to paragraphs (8)(A) or (8)(B), the Sec-
11 retary shall notify all applicants of all such
12 changes.”;

13 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by adding at the end
14 the following: “The method for considering the fac-
15 tor of prior experience for an application shall be
16 consistent for each program year such factor is con-
17 sidered for such application. The Secretary shall an-
18 nually notify each applicant of the peer review score
19 awarded for prior experience for such applicant.”;
20 and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(9) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90
24 days before the Secretary issues guidance pur-
25 suant to paragraph (8)(A), the Secretary shall

1 submit a report to the Committee on Education
2 and Labor, and the Committee on Oversight
3 and Government Reform, of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives, and the Committee on Health,
5 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate,
6 on the procedures for awarding grants and con-
7 tracts under this chapter, including the eligi-
8 bility requirements, application process, and ap-
9 plication deadlines described in the guidance
10 issued by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph
11 (8)(A). The report shall also contain the appli-
12 cation and instructions on application require-
13 ments given to applicants.

14 “(B) FUTURE REPORTING.—Not later
15 than 30 days before the date the Secretary up-
16 dates and publishes the guidance under para-
17 graph (8)(B), the Secretary shall submit a re-
18 port on such updates to the Committee on Edu-
19 cation and Labor, and the Committee on Over-
20 sight and Government Reform, of the House of
21 Representatives, and the Committee on Health,
22 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
23 ate.”.

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