

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
OFFERED BY MR. GROTHMAN OF WISCONSIN**

Insert the following new section after section 4301
(and redesignate the succeeding sections in part D of
title IV accordingly):

1 SEC. 4302. INSTITUTIONALLY DETERMINED LIMITS.

2 Section 455(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
3 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(a)) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following new paragraph:

5 “(4) INSTITUTIONALLY DETERMINED LIMITS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
7 other provision of this Act, an institution par-
8 ticipating in the loan program under this part
9 (at the discretion of a financial aid adminis-
10 trator at the institution) may prorate or limit
11 the amount of a loan any student enrolled in a
12 program of study at that institution may bor-
13 row under this part for an academic year—

14 “(i) if the institution, using the most
15 recently available data from the Bureau of
16 Labor Statistics for the average starting
17 salary for typical occupations pursued by

1 graduates of such program in the region in
2 which the institution is located, can rea-
3 sonably demonstrate that the average
4 amount of student loan debt for such pro-
5 gram is or will be excessive based on ex-
6 pected starting salary;

7 “(ii) based on the student’s enroll-
8 ment status, in the case of a student en-
9 rolled on a less than full-time basis or a
10 student enrolled for less than the period of
11 enrollment to which the annual loan limit
12 applies under this part;

13 “(iii) based on the credential level
14 (such as a degree, certificate, or other rec-
15 ognized educational credential) that the
16 student will attain upon completion of such
17 program; or

18 “(iv) based on the year of the pro-
19 gram for which the student is seeking such
20 loan.

21 “(B) INCREASES FOR INDIVIDUAL STU-
22 DENTS.—Upon the request of a student whose
23 loan amount for an academic year has been
24 prorated or limited under subparagraph (A), an
25 institution participating in the loan program

1 under this part (at the discretion of the finan-
2 cial aid administrator at the institution) may, if
3 such student demonstrates special cir-
4 cumstances or exceptional need, increase such
5 loan amount to an amount not to exceed the
6 maximum annual loan amount that would be
7 applicable to such student under this part for
8 such academic year but for the application of
9 this paragraph.

10 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
11 in this paragraph shall be construed to author-
12 ize the prorating or limiting of loan amounts by
13 an institution of higher education because of a
14 student’s race, color, religion, sex, national ori-
15 gin, age, or disability.”.

