



AT A GLANCE: IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Low-quality schools deny students the benefits of a meaningful degree and waste taxpayer money. The *College Affordability Act (H.R.4674)* will hold all colleges accountable for providing students a quality education that leads to a rewarding career.

The *College Affordability Act* strengthens accountability in higher education. The bill...

- Blocks access to taxpayer money for low-quality schools that cause a large share of student loan defaults and those that spend too much money on marketing and lobbying and not enough money educating students.
- Restores the integrity of college accreditation by improving transparency and directing college accreditors to raise standards.
- Creates a new on-time loan repayment metric, holding schools accountable for ensuring their students are able to keep up with their student loans and incentivizing schools to lower costs.
- Offers bonus payments to colleges that succeed in enrolling and graduating low-income students on time.
- Requires non-degree programs to prove value in the job market before accessing taxpayer dollars.

The *College Affordability Act* cracks down on predatory for-profit colleges that leave students with exorbitant debt and useless degrees by. The bill...

- Reverses Secretary DeVos's effort to deny loan relief to student borrowers defrauded by predatory colleges.
- Maintains Obama-era consumer protections that ensure career programs keep their promises to students by preparing them for a good-paying job.
- Protects student veterans by closing the current loophole that incentivizes for-profit schools to target GI Bill dollars.
- Prohibits colleges from forcing students to sign pre-dispute arbitration and class action ban agreements so that students can have their day in court if their institution defrauds them.
- Protects students and taxpayers from the negative consequences of sudden school closures by requiring states to establish a process for recovering students' tuition.

The *College Affordability Act* improves campus climate and protects students' safety. The bill...

- Blocks Secretary DeVos's survivor-blaming Title IX rule and strengthen prevention and reporting of incidents of campus sexual assault, harassment, and hazing.
- Supports campus diversity by strengthening civil rights enforcement to prevent discrimination on campus.
- Invests in programs that advance access to education for students with disabilities, foster youth, students who struggle with homelessness, and student veterans.
- Provides expectant and parenting students information on campus leave policies and access to affordable on-campus childcare.