



H.R. 3178 – Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act

The college application process can be overwhelming with more than 7,000 colleges and universities nationwide. In order to help students digest the vast information available, H.R. 3178 creates a new tool for students and families called the College Dashboard. This website will replace the existing consumer tool and compile information, submitted by institutions, on enrollment, graduation rates, costs, financial aid, and faculty status.

The **Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act** provides students with more robust information in a clear way.

- **College Dashboard:** The College Dashboard website will show key information on enrollment, completion, costs, and financial aid. Although some of this information can be found on the current consumer tool, this bill will ensure the inclusion of data metrics not previously reported. Specifically, College Dashboard will show the completion rates of students receiving Pell Grants; students classified as having a disability; and students receiving assistance under a Department of Defense tuition assistance program. College Dashboard will also show information for all full-time students, not just students who are starting their post-secondary career for the first time.
- **Adjunct Faculty:** Transparency on the school's use of adjunct faculty will also be available under this new consumer tool. The College Dashboard will publish the ratio of part-time to full-time instructors, by degree level.
- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** To ensure that students and families are aware of this tool, students completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will receive a link to the College Dashboard page representing each institution listed on their FAFSA.