

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 269

To qualify Martin University of Indianapolis, Indiana, for participation in the program under part B of title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. JACOBS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Martin University stands firmly in the lib-
6 eral arts tradition while providing access to a college
7 degree to those who previously found higher edu-
8 cation financially an unattainable goal.

1 (2) The university places special emphasis on
2 adult, minority, and low-income students. 90 percent
3 of its enrollment is African-American, the average
4 age is 40, and 70 percent receive financial aid. 85
5 percent are the first from their families to attend
6 college.

7 (3) Martin University holds its students to high
8 academic standards and makes available mentors,
9 preenrollment programs and other special-assistance
10 features.

11 (4) Martin University offers undergraduate bac-
12 calaureate degrees and master's degrees specifically
13 designed to assist low-income, minority, and adult-
14 aged persons. The philosophy of Martin University is
15 that higher education needs to be made available to
16 all who can benefit. As an extension of its focus on
17 a unique target population, the University serves the
18 community in addition to the degree program
19 through other programs for low-income, minority,
20 and adult-aged persons.

21 (5) Martin University is an important part of
22 the conscience of the Hoosier Community, providing
23 opportunities for people from various backgrounds to
24 come together, learn about one another, and learn

1 skills for gainful employment. All this is done with
2 excellence.

3 (6) Martin University is accredited by the
4 North Central Association of Colleges and Schools,
5 and is an Equal Opportunity Educational Institution
6 affiliated with the National Association for Equal
7 Opportunity in Higher Education.

8 (7) Martin University has all the qualifications
9 traditionally required for designation of Historically
10 Black Colleges and Universities except for the arbi-
11 trary date of origin required by existing law, and yet
12 Martin University has existed for nearly a quarter of
13 a century.

14 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PROGRAM.**

15 Section 322(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
16 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2)) is amended by adding at the end the
17 following: “Such term also includes Martin University of
18 Indianapolis, Indiana.”.

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