

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1536

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include all members of the Armed Forces in the definition of “independent student” for purposes of determining the eligibility of such members for Federal financial assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2021

Mr. RESCENTIALER (for himself, Mr. RYAN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. TRONE) 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 This Act may be cited as the “Improving College Af-
5 fordability for our Guard and Reserve Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF INDEPENDENT STUDENT.**

2 Section 480(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
3 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(d)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)—

5 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)
6 through (I) as subparagraphs (F) through (J),
7 respectively; and

8 (B) by striking subparagraph (D) and in-
9 serting the following:

10 “(D) is a veteran of the Armed Forces (as
11 defined in subsection (c)(1));

12 “(E) is a member of the Armed Forces (in-
13 cluding the National Guard or Reserve) without
14 regard to whether such individual is serving on
15 active duty;” and

16 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “paragraph
17 (1)(I)” and inserting “paragraph (1)(J)”.

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