



Senate Committee on

Health Education Labor & Pensions

Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D., Chair

FIXING AMERICA'S BROKEN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM



Loan Limits

- Eliminates Grad PLUS loans
- Grad students: keep \$20,500 annual unsubsidized loan limit, with a \$100,000 total cap (plus undergrad loans)
- Professional degrees: set a \$50,000 annual unsubsidized loan limit and a \$200,000 total cap (plus undergrad loans)
- Undergrads: cap Parent PLUS loans at \$65,000 per student with a \$20,000 annual limit
- Schools can set lower loan limits if applied consistently across programs



Loan Repayment

- **Simplifies and Streamlines Repayment:** Replaces today's patchwork of repayment plans with just two: a new standard plan (fixed payments over 10–25 years) and a new Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plan that protects taxpayers and borrowers while ensuring personal responsibility
- **Enforces Program Integrity:** Streamlines deferment and forbearance, allows loans to be rehabilitated twice, and fully funds proper loan servicing to protect both students and taxpayers



Accountability

- Blocks federal loans for undergrad programs where former students earn less than the typical high school grad in their state, and for grad programs where former students earn less than the typical bachelor's degree holder in their field and state
- Programs lose eligibility if they fail the earnings test 2/3 years



Pell Grants

- Establishes Workforce Pell
- Reduces Pell shortfall by \$10.5 billion
- Includes foreign income for purposes of Pell calculation
- Excludes farm and small business assets from aid eligibility formula



Regulatory Relief

- Delays costly regulations, including expansion of Closed School Discharge and Borrower Defense Rules

FIXING BORDER MESS



Ending Exploitation

- Provides \$300 million to ORR to address the influx of unaccompanied children that crossed the border and ensure they are not released to harmful environments to be exploited and abused

Fixing Education. Empowering Students. Protecting Taxpayers.