H. R. 4715

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain institutions of higher education to provide notice of tuition levels for students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 21, 2017

Mr. Cartwright (for himself, Mr. Roskam, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Mr. Delaney, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Peters, Mr. Tonko, Mr. Engel, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Connolly, and Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 "Truth in Tuition Act
- 5 of 2017".

1 SEC. 2. NOTICE OF TUITION LEVELS.

2	(a) Amendment.—Section 487(a) of the Higher
3	Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended
4	by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
5	"(30)(A) The institution will provide to each
6	student admitted to an undergraduate or graduate
7	program—
8	"(i) a multi-year tuition and fee schedule;
9	or
10	"(ii) a single-year tuition and fee schedule,
11	and a nonbinding, multi-year estimate of net
12	costs after all financial aid is awarded, assum-
13	ing constant family and student income, assets,
14	and relevant circumstances.
15	"(B) Multi-year schedules and estimates re-
16	quired by subparagraph (A)—
17	"(i) may include a percentage or dollar in-
18	crease or decrease of any size the institution de-
19	termines to be appropriate from one year to the
20	next; and
21	"(ii) shall indicate, on a year-by-year basis,
22	costs for the normal duration of such student's
23	undergraduate or graduate program.
24	"(C) Institutions that elect a single-year tuition
25	and fee schedule under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall
26	include with each multi-year estimate provided under

such subparagraph the average deviation, in percentage terms, between previous year estimates and actual net costs for students at their institution.

"(D) The Secretary shall waive the requirements of subparagraph (A) if the institution demonstrates to the Secretary that the requirements of subparagraph (A) are not practicable because of the occurrence of one or more events causing the institution severe economic distress, dramatic reduction of State or Federal aid, or any other circumstance determined to be appropriate by the Secretary.".

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by 13 subsection (a) shall be effective on the date that is 120 14 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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