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# H. R. 6669

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide information to foster youth on their potential eligibility for Federal student aid.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2012

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BASS of California, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. CLAY, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. SCHIFF, and Ms. LEE of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## 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 “Foster Youth Higher  
5 Education Opportunities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMING FOSTER YOUTH OF THEIR POTENTIAL**  
2 **ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.**

3 Section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
4 U.S.C. 1090) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(i) **INFORMING FOSTER YOUTH OF THEIR POTEN-**  
7 **TIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.**—The  
8 Secretary shall inform each student who indicates on a  
9 FAFSA form, in either paper or electronic format, that  
10 the student is a foster youth or was in the foster care  
11 system of the student’s potential eligibility for Federal  
12 student aid, including the specific Federal programs under  
13 which such student may be eligible to receive assistance  
14 such as the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence  
15 Program under section 477 of the Social Security Act (42  
16 U.S.C. 677).”.

17 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH ON DEPART-**  
18 **MENT WEB SITE.**

19 Section 485E(b) of the Higher Education Act of  
20 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092f(b)) is amended by adding at the  
21 end the following:

22 “(5) **INFORMATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH ON DE-**  
23 **PARTMENT WEB SITE.**—The Secretary shall include  
24 on the Department’s Web site information for foster  
25 youth regarding such youth’s potential eligibility for  
26 Federal student aid, including the specific Federal

1 programs under which such youth may be eligible to  
2 receive assistance.”.

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