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# H. R. 7297

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide basic and emergency supplemental living assistance grants under the student support services program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois 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 “Earl N. Williams, Sr.,  
5 First Chance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL LIVING ASSISTANCE IN THE STU-**  
7 **DENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM.**

8 Section 402D of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
9 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–14) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at  
3 the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-  
5 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(7) basic and emergency supplemental living  
8 assistance grants in accordance with subsection  
9 (f).”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(f) BASIC AND EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL LIV-  
12 ING ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the activi-  
14 ties required under subsection (b)(7) with a grant  
15 received under this section, the recipient of such  
16 grant shall provide basic and emergency supple-  
17 mental living assistance grants to assist students  
18 who are current participants in the student support  
19 services program offered by the institution (in this  
20 subsection referred to as ‘eligible students’)—

21 “(A) in the case of a basic supplemental  
22 living assistance grant, in covering reasonable,  
23 anticipated expenses necessary for the comple-  
24 tion of an academic year of the students’ first

1           undergraduate baccalaureate course of study;  
2           and

3           “(B) in the case of an emergency supple-  
4           mental living assistance grant, in covering rea-  
5           sonable, unanticipated expenses necessary for  
6           the students to persist in college during such  
7           academic year.

8           “(2) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The recipient may  
9           determine—

10           “(A) the appropriate division of the funds  
11           between basic and emergency supplemental as-  
12           sistance grants, except that funds shall be pro-  
13           vided for both basic and emergency grants;

14           “(B) the amount of each such grant and  
15           the total grant funds that an eligible student  
16           may receive, except that a student may not re-  
17           ceive more than a total of \$500 in emergency  
18           supplemental assistance grants per academic  
19           year; and

20           “(C) the anticipated and unanticipated ex-  
21           penses referred to in paragraph (1) that such  
22           grants will cover based on the needs of eligible  
23           students, which—

24           “(i) may vary by factors including  
25           academic year, housing, parental status, lo-

1 cation in urban or rural area, or other cir-  
2 cumstances; and

3 “(ii) for an individual student, may  
4 cover—

5 “(I) any component of the cost of  
6 attendance for the student;

7 “(II) an allowance for actual or  
8 expected expenses incurred for de-  
9 pendent care that exceeds such ex-  
10 penses determined for the student  
11 under section 472(8);

12 “(III) an allowance for actual or  
13 expected expenses for transportation  
14 that exceeds such expenses deter-  
15 mined for the student under section  
16 472; and

17 “(IV) personal items or expenses  
18 not otherwise covered by the cost of  
19 attendance for the student.

20 “(3) PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL FUNDS.—The re-  
21 cipient may use not more than 2 percent of the  
22 funds awarded under this section for grants under  
23 this subsection.

24 “(4) DETERMINATION OF NEED.—A grant pro-  
25 vided to a student under this subsection shall not be

1 considered in determining that student’s need for  
2 grant or work assistance under this title, except that  
3 in no case shall the total amount of student financial  
4 assistance awarded to a student under this title ex-  
5 ceed that student’s cost of attendance by more than  
6 \$500.

7 “(5) CONSULTATION.—In making grants to  
8 students under this subsection, an institution shall  
9 ensure that adequate consultation takes place be-  
10 tween the student support service program office  
11 and the institution’s financial aid office.

12 “(6) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds re-  
13 ceived by a grant recipient that are used under this  
14 subsection shall be used to supplement, and not sup-  
15 plant, non-Federal funds expended for student sup-  
16 port services programs.

17 “(7) FUNDS.—For a fiscal year for which the  
18 funds allocated for projects authorized under this  
19 section from the amounts appropriated pursuant to  
20 the authority of section 402A(g) exceeds the funds  
21 allocated for such purpose for fiscal year 2019, not  
22 more than 2 percent of such excess funds may be  
23 made available for grants under this subsection.

1           “(8) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
2           ‘cost of attendance’ has the meaning given the term  
3           in section 472.”.

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