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# H. R. 1522

To promote the availability and use of the Federal student financial aid website of the Department of Education.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLER of Florida (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To promote the availability and use of the Federal student financial aid website of the Department of Education.

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 “One-stop Student Fi-  
5        nancial Aid Information Act of 2007”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds the following:

8                (1) Students and parents often have trouble  
9        finding all of the information they need to make an

1 informed decision about financial aid options for col-  
2 lege in one easy-to-use location.

3 (2) The Federal student financial aid website of  
4 the Department of Education  
5 ([www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov)) is a useful and effec-  
6 tive website for learning about and applying for fi-  
7 nancial aid.

8 (3) The Federal student financial aid website is  
9 not well advertised or easy to find when searching  
10 the web or the Department of Education website for  
11 financial aid information.

12 **SEC. 3. IMPROVED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FED-**  
13 **ERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID WEBSITE.**

14 Section 131 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
15 U.S.C. 1015) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
16 lowing new subsection:

17 “(e) PROMOTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDU-  
18 CATION FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID WEBSITE.—

19 The Secretary—

20 “(1) shall display a link to the Federal student  
21 financial aid website of the Department of Edu-  
22 cation ([www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov)) in a promi-  
23 nent place on the homepage of the Department of  
24 Education website ([www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)); and

1           “(2) may use administrative funds available for  
2           the Department’s operations and expenses for pur-  
3           poses of advertising and other promotion of the  
4           availability of the Federal student financial aid  
5           website.

6           “(f) PROMOTION OF AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION  
7           CONCERNING STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS OF  
8           OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.—

9           “(1) COLLECTION AND POSTING OF INFORMA-  
10          TION.—The Secretary shall collect and post the eligi-  
11          bility requirements, application procedures, financial  
12          terms and conditions, and other relevant information  
13          for each non-departmental student financial assist-  
14          ance program.

15          “(2) MANNER OF POSTING.—The information  
16          required by paragraph (1)—

17                 “(A) shall be easily accessible through the  
18                 Federal student financial aid website required  
19                 by subsection (e)(1);

20                 “(B) shall be incorporated into the search  
21                 matrix on such website on pages pertaining to  
22                 other options for financial aid; and

23                 “(C) shall clearly describe the programs in  
24                 a manner that permits students and parents to

1 readily identify the programs that are appro-  
2 priate to their needs and eligibility.

3 “(3) AGENCY RESPONSE.—Each Federal de-  
4 partment and agency shall promptly respond to sur-  
5 veys or other requests for the information required  
6 by paragraph (1) and shall identify for the Secretary  
7 any non-departmental student financial assistance  
8 program operated, sponsored, or supported by such  
9 Federal department or agency.

10 “(4) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-  
11 section, the term ‘non-departmental student finan-  
12 cial assistance program’ means any grant, loan,  
13 scholarship, fellowship, or other form of financial aid  
14 for students pursuing a postsecondary education  
15 that is—

16 “(A) distributed directly to the student or  
17 to the student’s account at the institution of  
18 higher education; and

19 “(B) operated, sponsored, or supported by  
20 a Federal department or agency other than the  
21 Department of Education.”.

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