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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4137, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. BAIRD OF WASHINGTON

Loans to part time students

At the end of title VIII of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 814. STUDY OF AID TO LESS-THAN-HALF-TIME STU-**
2 **DENTS.**

3 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall conduct
4 a study on making and expanding the student aid avail-
5 able under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965
6 to less-than-half-time students. The Secretary shall submit
7 a report on the results of such study, including the Sec-
8 retary's recommendations, to the authorizing committees
9 not later than one year after the date of enactment of this
10 Act.

11 (b) SUBJECTS FOR STUDY.—The study required by
12 this section shall, at a minimum, examine the following:

13 (1) The existing sources of Federal aid for less-
14 than-half-time students seeking a college degree or
15 certificate.

16 (2) The demand for Federal aid for less-than-
17 half-time students and whether the demand is satis-
18 fied by existing sources of Federal aid, taking into

1 consideration not only the number of less-than-half-
2 time students currently seeking a college degree or
3 certificate, but also any increase in the number of
4 less-than-half-time students that may result from an
5 expansion of Federal aid for less-than-half-time stu-
6 dents seeking a college degree or certificate.
7 (3) The potential costs to the Federal Govern-
8 ment and the potential benefits that could be re-
9 ceived by students resulting from expanding Federal
10 aid for less-than-half-time students seeking a college
11 degree or certificate.
12 (4) The barriers to expanding Federal aid for
13 less-than-half-time students, including identifying—
14 (A) statutory and regulatory barriers, such
15 as student eligibility, institutional eligibility,
16 need analysis, program integrity, and award
17 amounts; and
18 (B) other factors that may limit participa-
19 tion in an expanded Federal aid program for
20 less-than-half-time students.
21 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PROVIDED.—The
22 Secretary's recommendations under this section shall in-
23 clude recommendations for designing a demonstration stu-
24 dent loan program tailored to less-than-half-time students.
25 The recommendations shall include any required statutory

1 or regulatory modifications, as well as proposed account-
2 ability mechanisms to protect students, institutions, and
3 the Federal investment in higher education.

4 (d) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

5 (1) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary
6 of Education;

7 (2) the term "authorizing committees" has the
8 meaning provided in section 103 of the Higher Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965, as amended by this Act;

10 (3) the term "less-than-half-time student"
11 means a student who is carrying less than one-half
12 the normal full-time work load for the course of
13 study that the student is pursuing, as determined by
14 the institution such student is attending.