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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize certain students in retain financial aid eligibility while completing a drug rehabilitation program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FOSTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Second Chance for  
5 Students Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN CONVICTIONS.**

7 Section 484(r) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
8 (20 U.S.C. 1091(r)) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
2           graph (4);

3           (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “A student”  
4           and inserting “Subject to paragraph (3), a student”;  
5           and

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

7           “(3) EXCEPTION.—A student whose eligibility  
8           has been suspended under paragraph (1), or whose  
9           eligibility, in the absence of this paragraph, would  
10          have been suspended under paragraph (1), due to a  
11          conviction of an offense involving the possession of  
12          marijuana, without the intent to distribute, may re-  
13          sume or retain eligibility before the end of the ineli-  
14          gibility period (or the period that would have been  
15          the ineligibility period) determined under such para-  
16          graph during the period of completion of a drug re-  
17          habilitation program described in subparagraph (A)  
18          or (B) of paragraph (2), except that such period of  
19          completion shall not exceed 6 months.”.