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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6472

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2026

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor, and Pensions

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## AN ACT

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for in-state tuition rates for certain residents of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Territorial Student Ac-  
3 cess to Higher Education Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. IN-STATE TUITION FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF**  
5 **GUAM, THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE**  
6 **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AMERICAN**  
7 **SAMOA, AND THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN IS-**  
8 **LANDS.**

9 (a) IN-STATE TUITION RATES.—Part C of title I of  
10 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015 et  
11 seq.) is amended by inserting after section 135 the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 **“SEC. 135A. IN-STATE TUITION RATES FOR CERTAIN RESI-**  
14 **DENTS OF GUAM, THE COMMONWEALTH OF**  
15 **THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AMER-**  
16 **ICAN SAMOA, AND THE UNITED STATES VIR-**  
17 **GIN ISLANDS.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A public institution of higher  
19 education that receives assistance under this Act shall not  
20 charge a covered individual tuition or fees for attendance  
21 at such institution at a rate that is greater than the rate  
22 charged for residents of the State in which such institution  
23 is located.

24 “(b) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—In this section, the  
25 term ‘covered individual’ means an individual who—

1           “(1) is a resident of Guam, the Commonwealth  
2 of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa,  
3 or the United States Virgin Islands; and

4           “(2) is a national of the United States (as such  
5 term is defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration  
6 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a))).”.

7           (b) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.—Section  
8 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
9 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10           “(30) The institution will comply with the re-  
11 quirements of section 135A, as applicable.”.

Passed the House of Representatives March 4,  
2026.

Attest:

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,

*Clerk.*