

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 1998

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualification of foreign schools.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2002

Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. ALLARD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualification of foreign schools.

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. FOREIGN SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY.**

4 Section 102(a)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of
5 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(a)(2)(A)) is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of
8 qualifying as an institution under paragraph
9 (1)(C), the Secretary shall establish criteria by
10 regulation for the approval of institutions out-

1 side the United States and for the determina-
2 tion that such institutions are comparable to an
3 institution of higher education as defined in
4 section 101 (except that a graduate medical
5 school, or a veterinary school, located outside
6 the United States shall not be required to meet
7 the requirements of section 101(a)(4)). Such
8 criteria shall include a requirement that a stu-
9 dent attending such school outside the United
10 States is ineligible for loans made, insured, or
11 guaranteed under part B unless—

12 “(i) in the case of a graduate medical
13 school located outside the United States—

14 “(I)(aa) at least 60 percent of
15 those enrolled in, and at least 60 per-
16 cent of the graduates of, the graduate
17 medical school outside the United
18 States were not persons described in
19 section 484(a)(5) in the year pre-
20 ceding the year for which a student is
21 seeking a loan under part B of title
22 IV; and

23 “(bb) at least 60 percent of the
24 individuals who were students or
25 graduates of the graduate medical

1 school outside the United States (both
2 nationals of the United States and
3 others) taking the examinations ad-
4 ministered by the Educational Com-
5 mission for Foreign Medical Grad-
6 uates received a passing score in the
7 year preceding the year for which a
8 student is seeking a loan under part
9 B of title IV; or

10 “(II) the institution has a clinical
11 training program that was approved
12 by a State as of January 1, 1992; or

13 “(ii) in the case of a veterinary school
14 located outside the United States that does
15 not meet the requirements of section
16 101(a)(4)—

17 “(I) the institution was certified
18 by the Secretary as eligible to partici-
19 pate in the loan program under part
20 B of title IV before October 1, 1999;
21 and

22 “(II) the institution’s students
23 complete their clinical training at an

1 approved veterinary school located in
2 the United States.”.

○