

S. 1558 Understanding the True Cost of College Act of 2025

Section 1. Short title.

This section designates the law as the “Understanding the True Cost of College Act of 2025.”

Section 2. Financial Aid Offer Form.

This section directs the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the heads of relevant federal agencies, to develop standard terminology and a standard form for financial aid offers. The standard form must be consumer tested and follow several specifications, including the provision of certain information on costs, grants and scholarships, and net price. It also describes how loans may be included and must be described if they are included, other optional content for aid offers, and mandatory disclosures.

Section 3. Mandatory Form.

This section requires institutions that receive federal aid under the Higher Education Act use the standard terminology and standard form developed pursuant to Section 2. It also exempts implementing regulations from negotiated rulemaking.