

**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.