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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. J. Res. 203 - Higher Education Emergency Technical Provisions Act of 1976. This bill extends for 3 months, from June 30, 1976 to September 30, 1976, the authority for the Guaranteed Student Loan program; corrects a technical problem created in the College Work-Study program by the shift to the new fiscal year; and exempts institutions from the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 in their capacity as disbursing agents under the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant program.

Guaranteed Student Loan program. The basic statutory authorities for the Office of Education to insure loans and to pay interest subsidies and special allowances to lenders under the Guaranteed Student Loan program will be extended through September 30, 1976.

College Work-Study program. The Fiscal Year Transition Act (P. L. 94-274) designates the transition quarter as a separate fiscal year for purposes of the College Work-Study program.

S. J. Res. 203 will amend the law to consider the transition quarter as part of fiscal year 1977 for purposes of the College Work-Study program, thereby giving the HEW Department fifteen instead of three months to make reallocations.

Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) program. The final provision of the resolution will amend the BEOG statute to provide that institutions of higher education which enter into agreements with HEW to act as BEOG disbursing agents will not be deemed to be "contractors maintaining a system of records to accomplish a function of the Commissioner."

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