

## H.R. 4137— Higher Education Opportunity Act

### Part H, Sec. 495:

(3) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the following:

“Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the Secretary to establish any criteria that specifies, defines, or prescribes the standards that accrediting agencies or associations shall use to assess any institution’s success with respect to student achievement.”;

(4) in subsection (o), by adding at the end the following:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall not promulgate any regulation with respect to the standards of an accreditation agency or association described in subsection (a)(5).”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(p) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in subsection (a)(5) shall be construed to restrict the ability of—

“(1) an accrediting agency or association to set, with the involvement of its members, and to apply, accreditation standards for or to institutions or programs that seek review by the agency or association; or

“(2) an institution to develop and use institutional standards to show its success with respect to student achievement, which achievement may be considered as part of any accreditation review.