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H. R. 7205

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit fees for admissions applications to higher education institutions to be paid from a 529 plan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BYNUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Application Fees as
5 Eligible Expenses Act” or the “Application FEES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT FROM 529 PLAN OF FEES FOR ADMIS-**
2 **SIONS APPLICATIONS TO HIGHER EDU-**
3 **CATION INSTITUTIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 529(e)(3)(A) of the Inter-
5 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and”
6 at the end of clause (ii), by striking the period at the end
7 of clause (iii) and inserting “, and”, and by inserting after
8 clause (iii) the following new clause:

9 “(iv) fees required of the beneficiary
10 to apply for admission to any eligible edu-
11 cational institution.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply to distributions made after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act.

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