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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 24 -- Congressman Bob Dole today urged passage of the higher education amendments of 1968 "to upgrade the quality of college education nationwide".

In a statement in the House, Dole said, "This year's amendments extend and improve the federal effort to build better college facilities, more student opportunity and quality instruction."

"Without cumbersome federal controls, these amendments permit the Federal Government to provide vital support and assistance to higher education", he added.

The Congressman noted the amendments extend "four extremely successful" acts: National Defense Education Act, Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, Higher Education Act of 1965, and National Vocational Student Loan Insurance Act of 1965.

"It is imperative these laws be extended if we are to meet the challenges of educating nine million college students by 1975", he said. "In Kansas alone", he added, "we are expecting about 122,000 college students by that year."

"Properly used", Dole added, "that portion of the Federal dollar which is allocated for higher education can have the most constructive, lasting effects."

"But the great burden", Dole said, "of educating America's youth rests squarely upon the shoulders of local and state officials, parents and the people generally."