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H. R. 8902

To make certain individuals ineligible to receive any Federal financial aid under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2024

Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. BACON, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Freeze Aid For Stu-
5 dent Assaulters Act of 2024” or as the “FAFSA Act of
6 2024”.

7 **SEC. 2. IN GENERAL.**

8 (a) **TERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR TITLE IV AS-**
9 **SISTANCE.**—Beginning with the first award year that be-

1 gins after the date of the enactment of the Freeze Aid
2 For Student Assaulters Act of 2024, an individual shall
3 not be eligible to receive any grant, loan (other than a
4 loan described in subsection (b)), or work assistance under
5 title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
6 1070 et seq.) and shall repay, in accordance with sub-
7 section (b), the sum of the amounts of any grant received
8 under such title, if the individual has been convicted of
9 a criminal offense—

10 (1) of assault against a police officer; or

11 (2) of rioting, the elements of which may in-
12 clude—

13 (A) inciting a riot;

14 (B) organizing, promoting, encouraging,
15 participating in, or carrying on a riot;

16 (C) committing any act of violence in fur-
17 therance of a riot; or

18 (D) aiding or abetting any person in incit-
19 ing or participating in or carrying on a riot or
20 committing any act of violence in furtherance of
21 a riot.

22 (b) CONVERSION OF GRANTS TO LOANS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—If an individual who is sub-
24 ject to the termination of eligibility described in sub-
25 section (a) has received any grants under title IV of

1 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070
2 et seq.) for a program of study in which the indi-
3 vidual is enrolled as of the date on which the crimi-
4 nal offense occurred, such grant shall be treated as
5 a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under
6 part D of such title, and shall be subject to repay-
7 ment, together with interest thereon accruing from
8 the date of the grant award.

9 (2) NO REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE.—Such loans
10 may not be eligible for any loan forgiveness, can-
11 cellation, discharge, or reduction programs under the
12 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et
13 seq.), any other provision of law, or any administra-
14 tive action or program.

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