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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 2, 2024

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. VANCE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “No Bailouts for Cam-
3 pus Criminals Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR CER-**
5 **TAIN INDIVIDUALS.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of law, an individual described in para-
9 graph (2) shall not be eligible to have any covered
10 loan, or a portion of such loan, forgiven, cancelled,
11 waived, or modified under the Higher Education Act
12 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) or under any other
13 Executive Order or action of the Department of
14 Education.

15 (2) AFFECTED INDIVIDUAL.—An individual de-
16 scribed in this paragraph is an individual who is
17 convicted of any offense under any Federal or State
18 law related to the individual’s conduct at and during
19 the course of a protest that occurs at an institution
20 of higher education.

21 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) COVERED LOAN.—The term “covered loan”
23 means—

24 (A) a loan made, insured, or guaranteed
25 under part B, D, or E of title IV of the Higher
26 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq.;

1 1087a et seq.; 1087aa et seq.) before, on, or
2 after the date of enactment of this Act; or

3 (B) a loan under the Health Education As-
4 sistance Loan Program under title VII of the
5 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292 et
6 seq.) made before, on, or after the date of en-
7 actment of this Act.

8 (2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
9 term “institution of higher education” has the
10 meaning given that term in section 102 of the High-
11 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

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