

Union Calendar No. 589

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 8932

[Report No. 118-695]

To establish an earlier application processing cycle for the FAFSA.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 5, 2024

Mrs. HOUCHIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the Workforce

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Additional sponsors: Ms. FOXX, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. FINSTAD,
Mrs. BICE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. KILEY, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr.
WALBERG, and Mr. TIMMONS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 5, 2024]

A BILL

To establish an earlier application processing cycle for the
FAFSA.

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 “FAFSA Deadline Act”.*

5 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF EARLIER APPLICATION PROC-**
6 **ESSING CYCLE.**

7 *Section 483(d)(4) of the Higher Education Act of 1965*
8 *(20 U.S.C. 1090(d)(4)) is amended by striking “not later*
9 *than January 1 of the applicant’s planned year of enroll-*
10 *ment, to the maximum extent practicable, on or around Oc-*
11 *tober 1 prior to the applicant’s planned year of enrollment”*
12 *and inserting “not later than October 1 prior to the appli-*
13 *cant’s planned year of enrollment”.*

14 **SEC. 3. CERTIFICATION AND TESTIMONY REQUIREMENTS.**

15 *Section 483(d)(4) of the Higher Education Act of 1965*
16 *(20 U.S.C. 1090(d)(4)) is further amended—*

17 *(1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting*
18 *the following:*

19 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and*

20 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

21 *“(B) CERTIFICATION AND TESTIMONY RE-*
22 *QUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall, with respect*
23 *to each application processing cycle, prior to the*
24 *initiation of such processing cycle—*

1 “(i) on a date that is not later than
2 September 1—

3 “(I) certify to the authorizing
4 committees that the Department will
5 meet the October 1 deadline specified
6 in subparagraph (A) for such proc-
7 essing cycle; or

8 “(II) certify to such committees
9 that the Department will not meet such
10 deadline; and

11 “(ii) in the case of a certification de-
12 scribed in clause (i)(II), on a date that is
13 not later than September 30, testify before
14 the authorizing committees on—

15 “(I) the anticipated failure to
16 meet such deadline; and

17 “(II) the financial impact such
18 failure will have on students and fami-
19 lies.”.

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