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H. R. 8332

To prohibit student loan forgiveness for certain students, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prohibit student loan forgiveness for certain students,
and for other purposes.

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 “No Student Loan For-
5 giveness for Antisemitic Criminals Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Antisemitism is on the rise in the United
2 States and is impacting Jewish students in K–12
3 schools, colleges, and universities.

4 (2) Jewish and Israeli students have faced
5 physical violence, hate-filled disruptions in the class-
6 room and on campus, calls from students and fac-
7 ulty advocating for the elimination and destruction
8 of Israel, and other forms of persistent harassment.

9 (3) Antisemitic protests have taken over college
10 campuses in the United States.

11 (4) University administrations have failed to
12 address these acts of antisemitism and stop the
13 spread of these pro-terrorist, antisemitic protests.

14 (5) Violent campus protestors should not be
15 bailed out by irresponsible student loan forgiveness.

16 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
17 gress that—

18 (1) title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42
19 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), prohibits discrimination on
20 the basis of race, color, and national origin in pro-
21 grams and activities receiving Federal financial as-
22 sistance;

23 (2) while such title does not cover discrimina-
24 tion based solely on religion, individuals who face
25 discrimination based on actual or perceived shared

1 ancestry or ethnic characteristics do not lose protec-
2 tion under such title for also being members of a
3 group that share a common religion;

4 (3) discrimination against Jewish people may
5 give rise to a violation of such title when the dis-
6 crimination is based on race, color, or national ori-
7 gin, which can include discrimination based on ac-
8 tual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic charac-
9 teristics; and

10 (4) the Department of Education relating to
11 “Improving Income Driven Repayment for the Wil-
12 liam D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the
13 Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program”
14 (88 Fed. Reg. 43820 (July 10, 2023)), and such
15 rule shall have no force or effect.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

17 (1) ANTISEMITIC ACTIVITIES.—The term
18 “antisemitic activities” means any actions or behav-
19 iors that discriminate against individuals or groups
20 based on their Jewish heritage, religion, or ethnicity.

21 (2) FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS.—
22 The term “Federal student loan forgiveness” means
23 the forgiveness of Federal student loans under
24 President Biden’s income-driven repayment (“IDR”)
25 forgiveness program.

1 (d) PROHIBITION.—

2 (1) Any student who is arrested for engaging in
3 antisemitic activities at universities, in communities,
4 or anywhere within the United States shall be
5 barred from receiving Federal student loan forgive-
6 ness through President Biden’s income-driven repay-
7 ment forgiveness program.

8 (2) This prohibition shall apply regardless of
9 whether the student is convicted of the charges re-
10 lated to antisemitic activities.

11 (e) IMPLEMENTATION.—

12 (1) The Secretary of Education shall establish
13 procedures to identify students who have been ar-
14 rested for engaging in antisemitic activities and en-
15 sure their ineligibility for Federal student loan for-
16 giveness through the IDR program.

17 (2) The Secretary of Education shall collabo-
18 rate with law enforcement agencies, educational in-
19 stitutions, and relevant stakeholders to effectively
20 implement the provisions of this Act.

21 (f) ENFORCEMENT.—

22 (1) Any educational institution found to know-
23 ingly provide false information or fail to report inci-
24 dents of antisemitic activities by its students shall be

1 subject to penalties, including but not limited to
2 fines and loss of all Federal funding.

3 (2) The Department of Education shall conduct
4 periodic audits to monitor compliance with the provi-
5 sions of this Act and take appropriate enforcement
6 actions against non-compliant entities.

7 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect 90
8 days after its enactment into law.

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