

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5850

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education, as a condition of participating in programs under title IV of such Act, to not terminate or otherwise alter the enrollment status of a student due to a disruption of the student's Federal student financial aid under such title caused by a lapse in appropriations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. McIVER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Guaranteeing Reten-
3 tion and Aid During Shutdowns Act” or the “GRAD Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRESERVING STUDENT ENROLLMENT STATUS DUR-**
5 **ING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

6 Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
7 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(30) The institution will not terminate or oth-
10 erwise alter the enrollment status of a student due
11 to a disruption of the student’s Federal student fi-
12 nancial aid under title IV caused by a lapse in ap-
13 propriations.”.

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