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H. R. 3927

To amend section 3716 of title 31, United States Code, to raise to at least the poverty line the amount of Social Security benefits that are exempt from being offset to satisfy student loan debt.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

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. AMENDMENT TO RAISE TO THE POVERTY LINE**
4 **THE AMOUNT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENE-**
5 **FITS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM BEING OFF-**
6 **SET TO SATISFY STUDENT LOAN DEBT.**

7 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 3716(c)(3) of title 31,
8 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in clause (i), by inserting after “except as
2 provided in clause (ii)” the following: “or clause
3 (iii)”;

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new
5 clause:

6 “(iii) For purposes of clause (ii), in the case of a
7 claim for student loan debt, in lieu of the exemption
8 amount of \$9,000 applicable with respect to payments due
9 an individual under the Social Security Act, the amount
10 of the poverty line shall be the exemption amount. For
11 purposes of this clause—

12 “(I) the term ‘student loan debt’ means the
13 outstanding balance of principal or interest owed on
14 any loan made, insured, or guaranteed under title IV
15 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
16 1070 et seq.); and

17 “(II) the term ‘poverty line’ means the annual
18 poverty guideline for the applicable calendar year (as
19 updated annually in the Federal Register by the De-
20 partment of Health and Human Services under the
21 authority of section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget
22 Reconciliation Act of 1981) as applicable to a single
23 individual for the year in which the exemption under
24 clause (ii) is applied.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 this Act shall apply with respect to payments made under
3 the Social Security Act after the date that is 90 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

