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H. R. 3967

To amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit administrative offset of social security benefit payments with respect to claims arising from Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. HONDA, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. POCAN, Ms. LEE, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. NADLER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. FATTAH, and Mrs. LAWRENCE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Social Security
5 Garnishment for Student Debt Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3716(c)(3) of title 31,
3 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(E)(i) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), no claim
6 arising from a Federal student loan may be collected by
7 administrative offset of any payment described in subpara-
8 graph (A)(i).

9 “(ii) For purposes of this subparagraph, the term
10 ‘Federal student loan’ means any Federal student loan
11 that is made, insured, or guaranteed under title IV of the
12 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.).”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to payments made
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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