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H. R. 4456

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. CROCKETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Overcoming Higher
5 Education Hunger Through the Supplemental Nutrition
6 Assistance Program Act of 2023” or the “OHH SNAP
7 Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. SNAP TREATMENT OF LIVING EXPENSES INCLUDED**
2 **IN EDUCATIONAL LOANS.**

3 Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
4 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (d)—

6 (A) in paragraph (3)(B) by striking “other
7 than” and inserting “including”; and

8 (B) in the proviso of paragraph (5) by
9 striking “, and no portion” and all that follows
10 through “expenses,”; and

11 (2) in subsection (k)—

12 (A) by striking paragraph (3); and

13 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
14 paragraph (3).

15 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE**
16 **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**
17 **PROGRAM.**

18 Section 6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
19 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (e)—

21 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “em-
22 ployed” and inserting “attending an institution
23 of higher education (as defined in section 102
24 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
25 U.S.C. 1002)) or employed, in the aggregate,”;

1 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking “or” at
2 the end;

3 (C) in paragraph (8), by striking the pe-
4 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

5 (D) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(9) has an expected family contribution of
7 zero, as determined by the procedures established in
8 part F of title IV of the Higher Education Act of
9 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087kk–1087vv); or

10 “(10) is determined to be ‘independent’ based
11 on one of the criteria specified in subparagraphs
12 (B), (C), (D), (G), and (H) of section 480(d)(1) of
13 the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1087vv).”;
14 and

15 (2) in subsection (o)(2)(A), by striking “work”
16 and inserting “attending an institution of higher
17 education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher
18 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) or work,
19 in the aggregate.”.

20 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

21 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
22 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this
23 Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act.

1 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-
2 ments made by this Act shall not apply with respect to
3 certification periods that begin before the effective date
4 of this Act.

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