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H. R. 4900

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit institutions of higher education participating in Federal student assistance programs from giving preferential treatment in the admissions process to legacy students or donors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. BOWMAN (for himself, Ms. BUSH, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MENG, Mr. MFUME, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TORRES of New York, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the 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 “Fair College Admis-
3 sions for Students Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. BAN ON LEGACY OR DONOR PREFERENCES IN AD-**
5 **MISSIONS.**

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

9 “(30) The institution will not provide any man-
10 ner of preferential treatment in the admission proc-
11 ess to applicants on the basis of their relationships
12 to—

13 “(A) donors to the institution; or

14 “(B) alumni of the institution.”.

15 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
16 subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of the sec-
17 ond award year (as defined in section 481(a) of the Higher
18 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088(a)) that begins
19 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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