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H. R. 9653

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide basic and emergency supplemental living assistance grants under the student support services program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 21, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Earl N. Williams, Sr.,
5 First Chance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL LIVING ASSISTANCE IN THE STU-**
7 **DENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM.**

8 Section 402D of the Higher Education Act of 1965
9 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–14) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at
3 the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-
5 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(7) basic and emergency supplemental living
8 assistance grants in accordance with subsection
9 (f).”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(f) BASIC AND EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL LIV-
12 ING ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the activi-
14 ties required under subsection (b)(7) with a grant
15 received under this section, the recipient of such
16 grant shall provide basic and emergency supple-
17 mental living assistance grants to assist students
18 who are current participants in the student support
19 services program offered by the institution (in this
20 subsection referred to as ‘eligible students’)—

21 “(A) in the case of a basic supplemental
22 living assistance grant, in covering reasonable,
23 anticipated expenses necessary for the comple-
24 tion of an academic year of the students’ first

1 undergraduate baccalaureate course of study;
2 and

3 “(B) in the case of an emergency supple-
4 mental living assistance grant, in covering rea-
5 sonable, unanticipated expenses necessary for
6 the students to persist in college during such
7 academic year.

8 “(2) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The recipient may
9 determine—

10 “(A) the appropriate division of the funds
11 between basic and emergency supplemental as-
12 sistance grants, except that funds shall be pro-
13 vided for both basic and emergency grants;

14 “(B) the amount of each such grant and
15 the total grant funds that an eligible student
16 may receive, except that a student may not re-
17 ceive more than a total of \$500 in emergency
18 supplemental assistance grants per academic
19 year; and

20 “(C) the anticipated and unanticipated ex-
21 penses referred to in paragraph (1) that such
22 grants will cover based on the needs of eligible
23 students, which—

24 “(i) may vary by factors including
25 academic year, housing, parental status, lo-

1 cation in urban or rural area, or other cir-
2 cumstances; and

3 “(ii) for an individual student, may
4 cover—

5 “(I) any component of the cost of
6 attendance for the student;

7 “(II) an allowance for actual or
8 expected expenses incurred for de-
9 pendent care that exceeds such ex-
10 penses determined for the student
11 under section 472(8);

12 “(III) an allowance for actual or
13 expected expenses for transportation
14 that exceeds such expenses deter-
15 mined for the student under section
16 472; and

17 “(IV) personal items or expenses
18 not otherwise covered by the cost of
19 attendance for the student.

20 “(3) PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL FUNDS.—The re-
21 cipient may use not more than 2 percent of the
22 funds awarded under this section for grants under
23 this subsection.

24 “(4) DETERMINATION OF NEED.—A grant pro-
25 vided to a student under this subsection shall not be

1 considered in determining that student’s need for
2 grant or work assistance under this title, except that
3 in no case shall the total amount of student financial
4 assistance awarded to a student under this title ex-
5 ceed that student’s cost of attendance by more than
6 \$500.

7 “(5) CONSULTATION.—In making grants to
8 students under this subsection, an institution shall
9 ensure that adequate consultation takes place be-
10 tween the student support service program office
11 and the institution’s financial aid office.

12 “(6) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds re-
13 ceived by a grant recipient that are used under this
14 subsection shall be used to supplement, and not sup-
15 plant, non-Federal funds expended for student sup-
16 port services programs.

17 “(7) FUNDS.—For a fiscal year for which the
18 funds allocated for projects authorized under this
19 section from the amounts appropriated pursuant to
20 the authority of section 402A(g) exceeds the funds
21 allocated for such purpose for fiscal year 2023, not
22 more than 2 percent of such excess funds may be
23 made available for grants under this subsection.

1 “(8) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
2 ‘cost of attendance’ has the meaning given the term
3 in section 472.”.

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