

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3373

To improve the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant and the Children of
Fallen Heroes Grant.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 9, 2021

Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced
the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee
on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To improve the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant and
the Children of Fallen Heroes Grant.

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 “Protecting Our Gold
5 Star Families Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN SERVICE**
7 **GRANT AND CHILDREN OF FALLEN HEROES**
8 **GRANT.**

9 (a) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT RELATING TO IRAQ
10 AND AFGHANISTAN SERVICE GRANT AND CHILDREN OF

1 FALLEN HEROES GRANT.—Part A of title IV of the High-
 2 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.), as
 3 amended by section 703 of the FAFSA Simplification Act
 4 (title VII of division FF of Public Law 116–260), is
 5 amended—

6 (1) in section 401—

7 (A) in subsection (c)—

8 (i) in paragraph (2)—

9 (I) by striking subparagraph (A);

10 and

11 (II) by redesignating subpara-

12 graphs (B) and (C) as subparagraphs

13 (A) and (B), respectively;

14 (ii) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking

15 “(2)(B)(i)” and inserting “(2)(A)(i)”;

16 (iii) by redesignating paragraph (5) as

17 paragraph (7); and

18 (iv) by inserting after paragraph (4)

19 the following:

20 “(5) PREVENTION OF DOUBLE BENEFITS.—No

21 eligible student described in paragraph (2) may con-

22 currently receive a grant under both this subsection

23 and subsection (b).

24 “(6) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary

25 shall award grants under this subsection in the same

1 manner and with the same terms and conditions, in-
2 cluding the length of the period of eligibility, as the
3 Secretary awards Federal Pell Grants under sub-
4 section (b), except that—

5 “(A) the award rules and determination of
6 need applicable to the calculation of Federal
7 Pell Grants under subsection (b)(1) shall not
8 apply to grants made under this subsection; and

9 “(B) the maximum period determined
10 under subsection (d)(5) shall be determined by
11 including all grants made under this section re-
12 ceived by the eligible student and all grants so
13 received under subpart 10 before the effective
14 date of this subsection.”; and

15 (2) by striking section 420R (20 U.S.C.
16 1070h).

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in section
19 703 of the FAFSA Simplification Act (title VII of division
20 FF of Public Law 116–260) and subject to the effective
21 date of section 701(b) of such Act.

22 (c) TRANSITION.—The Secretary shall take such
23 steps as are necessary to transition from the Iraq and Af-
24 ghanistan Service Grant program under subpart 10 of
25 part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965

1 (20 U.S.C. 1070h), as in effect on the day before the effec-
2 tive date of this section, and the provision of Federal Pell
3 Grants under section 401(c) of the Higher Education Act
4 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(c)), as amended by the FAFSA
5 Simplification Act and this Act.

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