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2D SESSION

H. R. 8932

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Received

AN ACT

To establish an earlier application processing cycle for the
FAFSA.

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 “FAFSA Deadline Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF EARLIER APPLICATION PROC-**
 4 **ESSING CYCLE.**

5 Section 483(d)(4) of the Higher Education Act of
 6 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1090(d)(4)) is amended by striking “not
 7 later than January 1 of the applicant’s planned year of
 8 enrollment, to the maximum extent practicable, on or
 9 around October 1 prior to the applicant’s planned year
 10 of enrollment” and inserting “not later than October 1
 11 prior to the applicant’s planned year of enrollment”.

12 **SEC. 3. CERTIFICATION AND TESTIMONY REQUIREMENTS.**

13 Section 483(d)(4) of the Higher Education Act of
 14 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1090(d)(4)) is further amended—

15 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
 16 the following:

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

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

19 “(B) CERTIFICATION AND TESTIMONY RE-
 20 QUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall, with re-
 21 spect to each application processing cycle, prior
 22 to the initiation of such processing cycle—

23 “(i) on a date that is not later than
 24 September 1—

25 “(I) certify to the authorizing
 26 committees that the Department will

1 meet the October 1 deadline specified
2 in subparagraph (A) for such proc-
3 essing cycle; or

4 “(II) certify to such committees
5 that the Department will not meet
6 such deadline; and

7 “(ii) in the case of a certification de-
8 scribed in clause (i)(II), on a date that is
9 not later than September 30, testify before
10 the authorizing committees on—

11 “(I) the anticipated failure to
12 meet such deadline; and

13 “(II) the financial impact such
14 failure will have on students and fami-
15 lies.”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 15,
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.