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# S. 4302

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 9, 2024

Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “No Higher education  
5 Assistance for Mobs of Antisemitic and terrorist Sympa-  
6 thizing Students Act” or the “No HAMAS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AS-**  
 2 **SISTANCE UNDER THE HIGHER EDUCATION**  
 3 **ACT OF 1965.**

4 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 484 of the Higher Edu-  
 5 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091) is amended by add-  
 6 ing at the end the following:

7 “(u) INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF TRESPASSING OR  
 8 DAMAGING INSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual described in  
 10 paragraph (2) shall not be eligible to receive any  
 11 grant, loan, or work assistance under this title.

12 “(2) AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS.—An individual  
 13 described in this paragraph is an individual who is  
 14 convicted of any offense under any Federal or State  
 15 law—

16 “(A) based on conduct occurring at and  
 17 during the course of a protest that occurs at an  
 18 institution of higher education; and

19 “(B) involving—

20 “(i) unlawful assembly, rioting, or  
 21 trespassing on the campus (as such term is  
 22 defined in section 485(f)(6)) of an institu-  
 23 tion of higher education; or

24 “(ii) damaging property of an institu-  
 25 tion of higher education.”.

1       (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
2 section (a) shall take effect on the date of enactment of  
3 this Act and apply with respect to any grant, loan, or work  
4 assistance provided under title IV of the Higher Education  
5 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) on or after July  
6 1, 2025.

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