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To make improvements to the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholarship Act,
and for other purposes.

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Ms. STEFANIK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
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A BILL

To make improvements to the Harry S Truman Memorial
Scholarship Act, and for other purposes.

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 “Truman Scholarship*
5 *Clean House Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *Section 3 of the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholar-*
8 *ship Act (20 U.S.C. 2002) is amended—*

9 *(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (6)*
10 *as paragraphs (2) through (7), respectively; and*

11 *(2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-*
12 *designated, the following:*

13 *“(1) ‘affiliated with’, when used with respect to*
14 *an individual’s relationship to a certain political*
15 *party, means that the individual—*

16 *“(A) is a registered member of that political*
17 *party;*

18 *“(B) is a current or former holder of elected*
19 *public office from that political party;*

20 *“(C) is a current or former candidate for*
21 *public office from that political party;*

22 *“(D) is a current or former political ap-*
23 *pointee associated with that political party;*

24 *“(E) is a current staffer of—*

1 “(i) a holder of elected public office
2 from that political party;

3 “(ii) a candidate of that political
4 party; or

5 “(iii) a fundraising organization for
6 such members or candidates; or

7 “(F) is a current or former judicial ap-
8 pointee nominated or otherwise selected by a
9 holder of elected public office from that political
10 party.”.

11 **SEC. 3. HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION.**

12 (a) *BOARD OF TRUSTEES.*—Section 5 of the Harry S
13 *Truman Memorial Scholarship Act (20 U.S.C. 2004)* is
14 *amended—*

15 (1) *in subsection (b)—*

16 (A) *in paragraph (1), by striking “The*
17 *Board shall be composed of” and all that follows*
18 *through the end of subparagraph (D); and*

19 (B) *by adding at the end the following:*

20 “(2) *The Board shall be composed of 13 members, as*
21 *follows:*

22 “(A) *One member appointed by the Speaker of*
23 *the House of Representatives.*

24 “(B) *One member appointed by the minority*
25 *leader of the House of Representatives.*

1 “(C) *One member appointed by the majority*
2 *leader of the Senate.*

3 “(D) *One member appointed by the minority*
4 *leader of the Senate.*

5 “(E) *Eight members, not more than four of*
6 *whom may be affiliated with the same political party*
7 *at the time of appointment, to be appointed by the*
8 *President with the advice and consent of the Senate.*

9 “(F) *The Secretary of Education or the Sec-*
10 *retary’s designee, who shall serve ex officio as a mem-*
11 *ber of the Board, but shall not be eligible to serve as*
12 *Chairperson.”;*

13 (2) *by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-*
14 *lows:*

15 “(c)(1) *Except as provided in paragraph (2), the term*
16 *of office of each member of the Board (other than Secretary*
17 *of Education or the Secretary’s designee serving ex officio)*
18 *shall be six years.*

19 “(2) *As designated by the President at the time of ap-*
20 *pointment, of the members first appointed under subsection*
21 *(b)(2)(E) after the date of enactment of this paragraph—*

22 “(A) *three shall be appointed for terms of two*
23 *years;*

24 “(B) *three shall be appointed for terms of four*
25 *years; and*

1 “(C) *two shall be appointed for terms of six*
2 *years.*”

3 “(3) *Any member of the Board appointed to fill a va-*
4 *cancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which*
5 *the member’s predecessor was appointed, and shall be ap-*
6 *pointed in the same manner as the original appointment*
7 *for that vacancy was made.*”

8 “(4) *No member of the Board (other than the Secretary*
9 *of Education or the Secretary’s designee serving ex officio)*
10 *may serve more than two six-year terms, regardless of*
11 *whether the terms are consecutive. A member described in*
12 *subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (2) who serves an*
13 *initial term of less than six years, may serve up to two*
14 *additional six-year terms following the expiration of such*
15 *member’s initial term.”; and*

16 (3) *by adding at the end the following:*

17 “(e) *Seven members of the Board shall constitute a*
18 *quorum.”.*”

19 (b) *TRANSITION AND IMPLEMENTATION.—*

20 (1) *DISSOLUTION OF EXISTING BOARD OF TRUST-*
21 *EES.—Effective on the date that is 90 days after the*
22 *date of enactment of this Act, the Board of Trustees*
23 *of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation (as*
24 *established under section 5 of the Harry S Truman*

1 *Memorial Scholarship Act (20 U.S.C. 2004)) is dis-*
2 *solved and all members of the Board are terminated.*

3 (2) *APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS.—As soon*
4 *as practicable after the effective date specified in*
5 *paragraph (1), new members shall be appointed to the*
6 *Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholar-*
7 *ship Foundation in accordance with section 5 of the*
8 *Harry S Truman Memorial Scholarship Act (20*
9 *U.S.C. 2004), as amended by subsection (a).*

10 **SEC. 4. SELECTION OF TRUMAN SCHOLARS.**

11 *Section 7 of the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholar-*
12 *ship Act (20 U.S.C. 2006) is amended—*

13 (1) *in subsection (b)—*

14 (A) *by inserting “the eligibility require-*
15 *ments described in subsection (c) and” before*
16 *“minimum criteria”; and*

17 (B) *by inserting “in accordance with sub-*
18 *section (d)(4)” before the period at the end;*

19 (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

20 *“(c) A student is eligible to be nominated for a scholar-*
21 *ship under this Act if such student—*

22 *“(1) is—*

23 *“(A) a full-time undergraduate student en-*
24 *rolled at an institution of higher education who*
25 *will receive a bachelor’s degree in the academic*

1 *year following the academic year in which the*
2 *student is applying for a scholarship; or*

3 *“(B) a full-time senior level student from*
4 *the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or from The*
5 *Islands (as defined in section 1801.2(b) of title*
6 *45, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on*
7 *the date of the enactment of this subsection));*

8 *“(2) is enrolled in a course of study that quali-*
9 *fies the student for admission to a graduate program*
10 *leading to a career in public service;*

11 *“(3) has a demonstrated record of academic ex-*
12 *cellence; and*

13 *“(4) is a citizen or national of the United States*
14 *or a permanent resident of the Commonwealth of the*
15 *Northern Mariana Islands.*

16 *“(d)(1) The Foundation shall establish and maintain*
17 *Regional Review Panels for purposes of carrying out sub-*
18 *section (a).*

19 *“(2) Each Regional Review Panel shall be responsible*
20 *for selecting scholarship recipients from one or more States*
21 *assigned to the Panel by the Board.*

22 *“(3)(A) Each Regional Review Panel shall consist of*
23 *not fewer than five members, each of whom shall be ap-*
24 *pointed on an annual basis by an affirmative vote of not*
25 *less than two-thirds of the members of the Board.*

1 “(B) Not more than half of the members of a Regional
2 Review Panel may be affiliated with the same political
3 party at the time of appointment.

4 “(4) In selecting students to be scholarship recipients
5 under this Act, each Regional Review Panel—

6 “(A) shall select students based on—

7 “(i) the extent and quality of community
8 service and government involvement of the stu-
9 dent;

10 “(ii) the leadership record of the student;

11 “(iii) the academic performance of the stu-
12 dent, including with respect to and writing and
13 analytical skills; and

14 “(iv) the suitability and appropriateness of
15 the student’s proposed graduate program of
16 study for a career in public service;

17 “(B) shall not select any student who—

18 “(i) served as a leader, officer, director, or
19 organizer of a student organization recognized by
20 the institution of higher education at which the
21 student is enrolled at time of an incident or con-
22 duct that led to the suspension or expulsion of
23 such organization from such institution;

24 “(ii) has been suspended or expelled by an
25 institution of higher education due to a violation

1 *of such institution’s code of conduct or other dis-*
2 *ciplinary action by such institution; or*

3 *“(iii) has been convicted by any Federal,*
4 *State, or local court of competent jurisdiction of*
5 *a felony; and*

6 *“(C) may not disfavor or otherwise apply ad-*
7 *verse considerations to a student because the student*
8 *intends to pursue a particular type of graduate de-*
9 *gree, including with respect to a Master of Business*
10 *Administration degree or Doctor of Medicine degree.”.*

11 **SEC. 5. TERMINATION OF TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP.**

12 *Section 9 of the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholar-*
13 *ship Act (20 U.S.C. 2008) is amended—*

14 *(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “in accord-*
15 *ance with subsection (c) and” after “provided in this*
16 *Act”; and*

17 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

18 *“(c)(1) In accordance with paragraph (2), a student*
19 *awarded a scholarship under the provisions of this Act may*
20 *not continue to receive the payments provided in this Act*
21 *if, at any point after the date on which the scholarship is*
22 *received, the student—*

23 *“(A) with respect to a report or request required*
24 *by the Foundation—*

1 “(i) fails to submit such a report or request;

2 or

3 “(ii) provides false, misleading, or materi-
4 ally incomplete information on any such report
5 or request;

6 “(B) fails to begin use of the scholarship within
7 four years of the date of receipt of a bachelor’s degree,
8 unless granted an extension in writing by the Foun-
9 dation;

10 “(C) serves as a leader, officer, director, or orga-
11 nizer of a student organization recognized by the in-
12 stitution of higher education at which the student is
13 enrolled at time of an incident or conduct that leads
14 to the suspension or expulsion of such organization
15 from such institution;

16 “(D) is suspended or expelled by the institution
17 of higher education at which the student is enrolled
18 due to a violation of the institution’s code of conduct
19 or other disciplinary action by the institution; or

20 “(E) is convicted by any Federal, State, or local
21 court of competent jurisdiction of a felony.

22 “(2)(A) The Foundation may not stop the payments
23 provided in this Act without first affording the student—

24 “(i) reasonable notice, which shall include the
25 reason for stopping such payments identified under

1 *subsection (a) or subsection (c)(1) and any additional*
2 *relevant information, as determined by the Founda-*
3 *tion; and*

4 *“(i) opportunity for a hearing.*

5 *“(B) If the Foundation, after reasonable notice and op-*
6 *portunity for hearing, finds that a student does not meet*
7 *the conditions of receiving payment in accordance with sub-*
8 *section (a) or subsection (c)(1), the Foundation shall—*

9 *“(i) stop the payments provided in this Act for*
10 *such student; and*

11 *“(ii) provide written notice to such student,*
12 *which shall include the reason for stopping such pay-*
13 *ments identified under subsection (a) or subsection*
14 *(c)(1) and any additional relevant information, as*
15 *determined by the Foundation.*

16 *“(d) A student whose payments are stopped pursuant*
17 *to subsection (a) or subsection (c)(1) or an individual who*
18 *fails to be employed in public service for three out of the*
19 *first seven years of employment following completion of the*
20 *graduate degree for which the individual used such pay-*
21 *ments shall repay to the Foundation an amount equal to*
22 *the sum of—*

23 *“(1) the total amount of payments provided in*
24 *this Act to such student; and*

1 “(2) *interest at the rate of 6 percent per annum*
2 *on the total amount described in paragraph (1).*”

3 “(e) *The Foundation shall ensure all scholarship re-*
4 *cipients are notified of the conditions that apply to receiv-*
5 *ing payments provided in this Act as described in this sec-*
6 *tion, prior to the date of the first such payment.*”.

7 **SEC. 6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF FOUNDATION.**

8 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 12 of the Harry S Truman*
9 *Memorial Scholarship Act (20 U.S.C. 2011) is amended—*

10 (1) *in subsection (a), by striking “who shall be*
11 *appointed by the Board” and inserting “who shall be*
12 *appointed by an affirmative vote of not less than two-*
13 *thirds of the members of the Board”;* and

14 (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

15 “(c) *The Executive Secretary shall serve a term of 4*
16 *years and may be reappointed to up to two additional*
17 *terms of four years in accordance with subsection (a).*”.

18 (b) *APPOINTMENT.*—*Not later than 90 days after a*
19 *quorum of the members of the Board of Trustees of the*
20 *Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation have been ap-*
21 *pointed in accordance with section 3(b)(2) of this Act, the*
22 *Board shall appoint an Executive Secretary of the Founda-*
23 *tion in accordance with section 12 of the Harry S Truman*
24 *Memorial Scholarship Act (20 U.S.C. 2011), as amended*
25 *by subsection (a).*

1 (c) *SERVICE OF INCUMBENT.*—*The individual serving*
2 *as Executive Secretary of the Harry S Truman Scholarship*
3 *Foundation as of the date of enactment of this Act may*
4 *only continue serving in such position until the earlier of—*

5 (1) *the date on which the Board of Trustees of*
6 *the Foundation appoints a new Executive Secretary*
7 *in accordance with subsection (b); or*

8 (2) *the expiration of the 90 day period beginning*
9 *on the date that a quorum of the members of the*
10 *Board have been appointed in accordance with sec-*
11 *tion 3(b)(2).*

12 **SEC. 7. TRANSPARENCY PROVISIONS.**

13 *Section 13 of the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholar-*
14 *ship Act (20 U.S.C. 2012) is amended by adding at the*
15 *end the following:*

16 “(c)(1) *The Foundation shall preserve in unaltered for-*
17 *mat, and make available on a publicly accessible website*
18 *of the Foundation, the following materials of the Founda-*
19 *tion:*

20 “(A) *Press releases.*

21 “(B) *Program announcements.*

22 “(C) *Biographies of scholarship recipients.*

23 “(2) *The materials described in paragraph (1) may*
24 *not be deleted, hidden, or password-protected.*

1 “(3) *Any edits made to the materials described in*
2 *paragraph (1) after such materials were initially published*
3 *shall be clearly identified and, in a case in which an edit*
4 *has been made to such materials, a copy of the original,*
5 *unaltered materials shall remain available to the public on*
6 *a website of the Foundation.*

7 “(4) *The requirements of this subsection shall apply*
8 *to any materials published by the Foundation before, on,*
9 *or after the date of enactment of this subsection.”.*

10 **SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY.**

11 (a) *APPLICABILITY.—This Act and the amendments*
12 *made by this Act shall apply only with respect to scholar-*
13 *ships awarded under the Harry S Truman Memorial Schol-*
14 *arship Act (20 U.S.C. 2002) on or after the date of enact-*
15 *ment of this Act.*

16 (b) *TREATMENT OF PREVIOUSLY AWARDED SCHOLAR-*
17 *SHIPS.—Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by*
18 *this Act shall be construed to invalidate or revoke, or alter*
19 *the terms and conditions of, a scholarship that was awarded*
20 *under the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholarship Act (20*
21 *U.S.C. 2002) before the date of enactment of this Act. The*
22 *Harry S Truman foundation shall take such steps as may*
23 *be necessary to continue to fund and administer such pre-*
24 *viously awarded scholarships.*

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