

## HR 4478

Simple FAFSA Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MP • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Sep 24, 2019
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Oct 21, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 24, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4674	Related bill	<b>Dec 28, 2020:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 583.
116 HR 8748	Related bill	<b>Nov 12, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 HR 4787	Related bill	<b>Oct 22, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 HR 4240	Related bill	<b>Sep 6, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 HR 4216	Related bill	<b>Aug 30, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill revises the application process, eligibility requirements, and certain calculations related to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Specifically, the bill

- establishes three pathways for FAFSA applicants to submit income or asset information;
- establishes a certification process whereby a student who submits an initial FAFSA, and who certifies in the subsequent year that their dependency status has not changed, shall not be required to submit another FAFSA to maintain aid eligibility;
- requires the Department of Education (ED) to make the FAFSA form available in multiple languages and in formats that are accessible to individual with disabilities;
- repeals provisions that make ineligible for federal student aid any individual who fails to register with selective service or has committed drug-related offenses;
- prohibits ED from asking questions relating to whether an applicant for federal student aid has committed any drug-related offenses;
- expands eligibility for federal student aid to certain students who entered the United States prior to age 16;
- increases support for working students;
- requires ED to assign an applicant an expected family contribution of zero in certain situations (e.g., if the student received a federal means-tested benefit such as Medicaid during the previous twenty-four months); and
- requires ED to use data from the second preceding tax year to simplify the application process and determination of financial aid eligibility.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 24, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 24, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1196)
- **Sep 24, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.