Federal student loan proceeds, grants, and work assistance are protected by federal law from garnishment and attachment to collect any debt, except a federal student loan debt owed to the Department of Education.\textsuperscript{219} Since the statute explicitly exempts just one kind of debt—federal student loans—there appears to be no reason it should not apply to criminal justice debt. Indeed, one court refused to dismiss a claim that the statute prevented a state prison from seizing funds traceable to a student loan to pay criminal fines and court costs.\textsuperscript{220}

Footnotes

\textsuperscript{219} 20 U.S.C. § 1095a(d).


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