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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to disclose hazing incidents, and for other purposes.

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Ms. FUDGE (for herself, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. OMAR, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MURPHY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. COHEN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. MOORE, Mr. LEWIS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CLEAVER, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. CLAY, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. ALLRED, and Mr. JEFFRIES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Report and Educate
3 About Campus Hazing Act” or the “REACH Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF HAZING INCIDENTS IN ANNUAL SE-**
5 **CURITY REPORTS.**

6 Section 485(f)(1)(F) of the Higher Education Act of
7 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

9 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the end;

10 (3) in clause (iii), by striking the period at the
11 end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(iv) of hazing incidents that were re-
14 ported to campus security authorities or local
15 police agencies.”.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF HAZING.**

17 Section 485(f)(6)(A) of the Higher Education Act of
18 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)) is amended by adding at
19 the end the following:

20 “(vi) The term ‘hazing’ means any inten-
21 tional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a
22 student, or a former student, of an institution
23 of higher education, whether individually or in
24 concert with other persons, against another stu-
25 dent, that—

1 “(I) was committed in connection with
 2 an initiation into, an affiliation with, or
 3 the maintenance of membership in, any or-
 4 ganization that is affiliated with such insti-
 5 tution of higher education; and

6 “(II) contributes to a substantial risk
 7 of physical injury, mental harm, or deg-
 8 radation or causes physical injury, mental
 9 harm or personal degradation.”.

10 **SEC. 4. RECORDING OF HAZING INCIDENTS.**

11 Section 485(f)(7) of the Higher Education Act of
 12 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(7)) is amended by inserting after
 13 the second sentence the following: “For hazing incidents,
 14 such statistics shall be compiled in accordance with the
 15 definition of that term in paragraph (6)(A)(vi).”

16 **SEC. 5. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON HAZING.**

17 Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
 18 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
 19 following:

20 “(30) The institution will provide students with
 21 an educational program on hazing (as that term is
 22 defined in section 485(f)(6)(A)(vi)), which shall in-
 23 clude information on hazing awareness, hazing pre-
 24 vention, and institution’s policies on hazing.”.

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