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S. 3947

To amend the provisions relating to the higher education emergency relief fund to clarify the flexibility provided to institutions and for students under the fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KAINE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Coronavirus Relief
5 Flexibility for Students and Institutions Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HIGHER EDUCATION RELIEF FUND.**

2 Section 18004 of division B of the Coronavirus Aid,
3 Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136)
4 is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “deter-
6 mines have the” and inserting “determines, through
7 an application process, demonstrate the”;

8 (2) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) by striking “cover any costs associated
10 with significant changes to the delivery of in-
11 struction due to the coronavirus” and inserting
12 “defray expenses (including lost revenue, reim-
13 bursement for expenses already incurred, tech-
14 nology costs associated with a transition to dis-
15 tance education, faculty and staff training, and
16 payroll)”;

17 (B) by striking “Institutions” and insert-
18 ing “Notwithstanding any provision of the
19 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001
20 et seq.), institutions”;

21 (C) by inserting “, with the eligibility and
22 selection of the students receiving such grants
23 being determined solely by each such institu-
24 tion” before the period at the end; and

25 (3) in subsection (d)(1)—

1 (A) by inserting “determining grant recipi-
2 ents and” after “In”; and

3 (B) by inserting “, by application under
4 such section 18004(a)(3),” after “dem-
5 onstrates”.

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