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# S. 2881

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. FETTERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “Opportunity To Ad-  
5 dress College Hunger Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION REGARDING SNAP FOR STUDENTS**  
2 **PARTICIPATING IN A STATE OR FEDERALLY**  
3 **FINANCED WORK-STUDY PROGRAM.**

4 Section 443 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
5 U.S.C. 1087–53) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(f) NOTIFICATION REGARDING SNAP.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An institution receiving a  
9 grant under this part shall send a notification (by  
10 email or other electronic means) to each eligible stu-  
11 dent informing the student of their potential eligi-  
12 bility for participation in SNAP and the process for  
13 obtaining more information, confirming eligibility,  
14 and accessing benefits under that program. The no-  
15 tification shall be developed by the Secretary of Edu-  
16 cation in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-  
17 culture, and shall include details on eligibility re-  
18 quirements for participation in SNAP that a student  
19 must satisfy. The notification shall be, to the extent  
20 practicable, specific to the student’s State of resi-  
21 dence and shall provide contact information for the  
22 local office where an application for SNAP may be  
23 made.

24 “(2) EVIDENCE OF PARTICIPATION IN FEDER-  
25 ALLY FINANCED WORK-STUDY PROGRAM.—The noti-  
26 fication under paragraph (1) shall include an official

1 document confirming that the recipient is an eligible  
2 student sufficient for purposes of demonstrating that  
3 the exclusion from ineligibility for participation in  
4 SNAP under section 6(e)(4) of the Food and Nutri-  
5 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(e)(4)) applies to  
6 the student.

7 “(3) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Education,  
8 in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture,  
9 shall provide guidance to States and institutions of  
10 higher education on how to identify and commu-  
11 nicate with students who are likely to be eligible for  
12 SNAP, including those eligible for a State or feder-  
13 ally financed work-study program.

14 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
15 section:

16 “(A) The term ‘eligible student’ means a  
17 student that is participating in a State or feder-  
18 ally financed work-study program.

19 “(B) The term ‘SNAP’ means the supple-  
20 mental nutrition assistance program established  
21 under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
22 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).”

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