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H. R. 2926

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEHAN (for himself and Ms. FUDGE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Report and Educate
5 About Campus Hazing Act” or the “REACH Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF HAZING INCIDENTS IN ANNUAL SE-**
7 **CURITY REPORTS.**

8 Section 485(f)(1)(F) of the Higher Education Act of
9 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(1)) is amended—

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

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

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

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

5 “(iv) of hazing incidents that were re-
6 ported to campus security authorities or local
7 police agencies.”.

8 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF HAZING.**

9 Section 485(f)(6)(A) of the Higher Education Act of
10 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)) is amended by adding at
11 the end the following:

12 “(vi) The term ‘hazing’ means any inten-
13 tional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a
14 student, or a former student, of an institution
15 of higher education, whether individually or in
16 concert with other persons, against another stu-
17 dent, that—

18 “(I) was committed in connection with
19 an initiation into, an affiliation with, or
20 the maintenance of membership in, any or-
21 ganization that is affiliated with such insti-
22 tution of higher education; and

23 “(II) contributes to a substantial risk
24 of physical injury, mental harm, or deg-

1 radation or causes physical injury, mental
2 harm or personal degradation.”.

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

4 Section 485(f)(7) of the Higher Education Act of
5 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(7)) is amended by inserting after
6 the second sentence the following: “For hazing incidents,
7 such statistics shall be compiled in accordance with the
8 definition of that term in paragraph (6)(A)(vi).”

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

10 Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
11 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
12 following:

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

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