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H. R. 3718

To address food and housing insecurity on college campuses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2019

Mrs. HAYES (for herself and Ms. FUDGE) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Closing the College
5 Hunger Gap Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. QUESTIONS ON FOOD AND HOUSING INSECURITY IN**

7 **NATIONAL POSTSECONDARY STUDENT AID**

8 **STUDY.**

9 The Secretary of Education shall add questions that
10 measure rates of food and housing insecurity to the Na-
11 tional Postsecondary Student Aid Study.

1 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION ON SNAP ELIGIBILITY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 483 of the Higher Edu-
3 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1090) is amended by add-
4 ing at the end the following:

5 “(i) INFORMATION ON SNAP ELIGIBILITY.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For each year for which a
7 student described in paragraph (2) submits a form
8 described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall send
9 to such student information regarding potential eli-
10 gibility for assistance under, and application process
11 for, the supplemental nutrition assistance program
12 established under the Food and Nutrition Act of
13 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) in written and elec-
14 tronic form. Both the written and electronic commu-
15 nication shall include contact information for the
16 State agency responsible for administering the sup-
17 plemental nutrition assistance program in the State
18 in which the student resides.

19 “(2) STUDENTS.—A student is described in this
20 paragraph if the student has an expected family con-
21 tribution equal to zero for the year.”.

22 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Education
23 shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture, and the
24 head of any other applicable Federal or State agency, in
25 designing the written and electronic communication re-
26 garding potential eligibility for assistance under, and ap-

1 plication process for, the supplemental nutrition assistance
2 program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of
3 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) as described in section
4 483(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
5 1090(i)).

6 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 This Act and the amendment made by this Act shall
8 take effect 120 days after the date of enactment of this
9 Act.

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