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H. R. 4354

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself, Mrs. McCLAIN, and Mr. SCHNEIDER) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Accountability of Lead-
3 ers in Education to Report Title IX Investigations Act”
4 or the “ALERT Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. REVIEW OF TITLE IX INVESTIGATIONS.**

6 Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
7 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(30)(A) The institution will submit an annual
10 certification to the Secretary affirming that—

11 “(i) the president of the institution (or the
12 equivalent officer) and not less than 1 addi-
13 tional member of the institution’s board of
14 trustees (or a designee of the board) have com-
15 pleted a comprehensive review of any incident
16 involving a covered employee that was reported
17 to the title IX coordinator at that institution in
18 the previous 12 months involving an offense de-
19 scribed in section 485(f)(8)(A)(i); and

20 “(ii) the individuals described in clause (i)
21 who completed the comprehensive review did
22 not interfere with or influence any investigation
23 or disposition relating to the reported incident.

24 “(B) In this paragraph—

25 “(i) the term ‘comprehensive review’ means
26 a review that includes, at a minimum—

1 “(I) a review of—

2 “(aa) material findings of fact re-
3 lating to the incident that was re-
4 ported to the title IX coordinator;

5 “(bb) the basis for any conclu-
6 sions about whether a covered em-
7 ployee violated a policy of the institu-
8 tion; and

9 “(cc) the disposition of any com-
10 plaints arising from the reported inci-
11 dent, including any sanctions imposed
12 on a covered employee; and

13 “(II) the redaction of the identity of
14 the individual reporting such incident from
15 such review, and a prohibition against
16 sharing the identity of the individual with-
17 out the consent of such individual;

18 “(ii) the term ‘covered employee’—

19 “(I) means—

20 “(aa) a full-time employee of the
21 institution; or

22 “(bb) an individual who was act-
23 ing as an employee of the institution,
24 or who was paid by an entity con-
25 tracting with the institution and act-

1 ing on behalf of the institution, at the
2 time of the incident that was reported
3 to the title IX coordinator; and
4 “(II) does not include an under-
5 graduate student; and
6 “(iii) the term ‘title IX coordinator’ means
7 a responsible employee, as described in section
8 106.8(a) of title 34, Code of Federal Regula-
9 tions, designated to coordinate efforts under
10 title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
11 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).”.

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