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H. R. 4903

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require reporting of certain accidents resulting in serious physical injuries or death at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. HIMES, Ms. MACE, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) 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 “College Operational
5 Reporting of Emergencies involving teens and Young
6 adults Safety Act of 2023” or the “COREY Safety Act
7 of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Accidental injuries are estimated to be the
4 leading cause of student death at institutions of
5 higher education.

6 (2) A substantial and critical void exists in the
7 data collected, and metrics used, to identify, man-
8 age, and minimize serious physical injury and death
9 on the campuses of institutions of higher education.

10 (3) Expanding transparency by the reporting of
11 accidents that lead to serious physical injuries or
12 death in institution of higher education communities
13 will allow more informed decision making.

14 (4) The data gathered from such reports will
15 also—

16 (A) help institutions of higher education
17 prioritize all angles of safety;

18 (B) help public health agencies conduct re-
19 search on injury and fatality prevention among
20 postsecondary students; and

21 (C) inform larger-scale reforms at the Fed-
22 eral and State levels to improve campus safety.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CLERY ACT TO ACCIDENTS RESULT-**
2 **ING IN SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY OR**
3 **DEATH.**

4 (a) REPORTING OF ACCIDENT STATISTICS.—Section
5 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
6 1092(f)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (G)
9 through (J) as subparagraphs (J) through (M),
10 respectively; and

11 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (F)
12 the following:

13 “(G) Statistics concerning the occurrence on
14 campus during the most recent calendar year, and
15 during the 2 preceding calendar years for which data
16 are available, of accidents that result in serious
17 physical injury, in the aggregate and disaggregated
18 by the following categories:

19 “(i) Transportation on foot or via bikes,
20 scooters, skateboards, longboards, or motor ve-
21 hicles.

22 “(ii) Slips and falls, in the aggregate and
23 from low heights, mid heights, and high
24 heights.

25 “(iii) Alcohol or drug overdoses.

26 “(iv) Choking or drowning.

1 “(v) Any other specific category of acci-
2 dents identified by the institution.

3 “(vi) All other accidents.

4 “(H) Statistics concerning the occurrence on
5 campus during the most recent calendar year, and
6 during the 2 preceding calendar years for which data
7 are available, of accidents that result in death, in the
8 aggregate and disaggregated by the categories de-
9 scribed in clauses (i) through (vi) of subparagraph
10 (G).

11 “(I) A description of any plans to address defi-
12 cient or dangerous facilities on campus (as defined
13 in paragraph (6)(A)) that have caused serious phys-
14 ical injury (as defined in such paragraph) or
15 death.”;

16 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “paragraph
17 (1)(F)” and inserting “subparagraphs (F), (G), and
18 (H) of paragraph (1)”;

19 (3) in paragraph (6)(A)—

20 (A) by redesignating clause (v) as clause
21 (vi); and

22 (B) by inserting after clause (iv) the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(v) The term ‘serious physical injury’ means
25 physical injury that creates a substantial risk of

1 death, or that causes serious disfigurement, serious
2 impairment of health or serious loss, or impairment
3 of the function of any bodily organ.”.

4 (b) REPORTING CLOSEST TRAUMA CENTERS.—Sec-
5 tion 485(f)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
6 U.S.C. 1092(f)(1)), as amended by subsection (a)(1)(A),
7 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(N)(i) A statement including the names, ad-
9 dresses, and distances from campus of—

10 “(I) the Level I trauma center closest to
11 the campus of the institution; and

12 “(II) the Level II trauma center, or other
13 hospital, that is closest to the campus of the in-
14 stitution.

15 “(ii) In addition to including the statement de-
16 scribed in clause (i) in the annual campus safety re-
17 port required under this paragraph, the institution
18 shall post such statement prominently on campus
19 and on the website of the institution.”.

20 (c) MAKING CAMPUS SAFETY INFORMATION PUB-
21 LICLY AVAILABLE.—The matter preceding subparagraph
22 (A) of section 485(f)(1) of the Higher Education Act of
23 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(1)) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “and to any applicant” and in-
25 serting “to any applicant”;

1 (2) by inserting “and to the public through the
2 public website of the institution,” after “upon re-
3 quest,”; and

4 (3) by striking “annual security report” and all
5 that follows through the colon and inserting “annual
6 campus safety report. The annual campus safety re-
7 port shall be written and organized in a manner that
8 is easily understandable by students and families
9 and shall contain at least the following information
10 with respect to the campus security policies and
11 campus crime and safety statistics of that institu-
12 tion.”.

13 (d) UPDATING CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT TITLE.—
14 Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
15 U.S.C. 1092) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(O), by striking “cam-
17 pus crime report” and inserting “campus safety re-
18 port”; and

19 (2) in the subsection heading of subsection (f),
20 by inserting “AND SAFETY” before “STATISTICS”.

21 (e) GUIDANCE.—By not later than 2 years after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education
23 shall issue guidance to institutions of higher education re-

- 1 regarding the implementation of the amendments made by
- 2 this section.

