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H. R. 4675

To require institutions of higher education to notify students whether student housing facilities are equipped with automatic fire sprinkler systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TONKO, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. MCGOVERN) 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 “Kerry Rose Fire Sprin-
5 kler Notification Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FIRE SAFETY REPORT.**

7 Section 485(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
8 (20 U.S.C. 1092(i)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
3 “automatic” before “fire sprinkler”;

4 (B) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
5 paragraph (D);

6 (C) by striking the period at the end of
7 subparagraph (E) and inserting a semicolon;
8 and

9 (D) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(F) the number and percentage of beds at
11 student housing facilities not protected by an
12 automatic fire sprinkler system in the bedroom;
13 and

14 “(G) the number and percentage of beds at
15 student housing facilities protected by an auto-
16 matic fire sprinkler system in the bedroom.”;

17 (2) in paragraph (4)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
19 “and” at the end;

20 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
21 subparagraph (C); and

22 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A),
23 the following:

1 “(B) make available to the public statistics
2 on the number and percentage, in the aggregate
3 and disaggregated by each State, of—

4 “(i) student housing facilities at eligi-
5 ble institutions with less than 100 percent
6 of beds protected by an automatic fire
7 sprinkler system in the bedroom;

8 “(ii) student housing facilities at eligi-
9 ble institutions with less than 50 percent
10 of beds protected by an automatic fire
11 sprinkler system in the bedroom;

12 “(iii) beds at student housing facilities
13 at eligible institutions protected by an
14 automatic fire sprinkler system in the bed-
15 room; and

16 “(iv) beds at student housing facilities
17 at eligible institutions not protected by an
18 automatic fire sprinkler system in the bed-
19 room; and”;

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(8) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
22 section:

23 “(A) STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY.—The
24 term ‘student housing facility’ includes facilities

1 that are campus facilities and facilities that are
2 noncampus buildings or properties.

3 “(B) CAMPUS AND NONCAMPUS BUILDING
4 OR PROPERTY.—The terms ‘campus’ and ‘non-
5 campus building or property’ have the meanings
6 given the terms in section 668.46(a) of title 34,
7 Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor
8 regulation).”.

9 **SEC. 3. FIRE SAFETY.**

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) In the case of an institution that main-
14 tains student housing facilities (as defined in section
15 485(i)(8)), the institution will—

16 “(A) include in all materials (including
17 electronic materials) relating to such facilities,
18 information that describes whether such facili-
19 ties are equipped with a student housing facility
20 fire safety system, which includes an automatic
21 fire sprinkler system in each bedroom;

22 “(B) notify each student selecting such a
23 facility during a student housing facility selec-
24 tion process, in writing and during such selec-
25 tion process, whether the facility is equipped

1 with a student housing facility fire safety sys-
2 tem, which includes an automatic fire sprinkler
3 system in each bedroom; and

4 “(C) notify each student who plans to live
5 in such a facility, in writing and on the date
6 that the student moves into the facility, whether
7 the facility is equipped with a student housing
8 facility fire safety system, which includes an
9 automatic fire sprinkler system in each bed-
10 room, and how such system is described in sub-
11 paragraph (B) of section 485(i)(1) for purposes
12 of the fire safety report required under such
13 section.”.

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