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H. R. 4405

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, Mr. TONKO, and Ms. NORTON) 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—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (2) in paragraph (4)—

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

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

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

23 “(B) make available to the public statistics
24 on the number and percentage, in the aggregate
25 and disaggregated by each State, of—

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

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

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

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

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

18 “(8) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
19 section:

20 “(A) STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY.—The
21 term ‘student housing facility’ includes facilities
22 that are campus facilities and facilities that are
23 noncampus buildings or properties.

24 “(B) CAMPUS AND NONCAMPUS BUILDING
25 OR PROPERTY.—The terms ‘campus’ and ‘non-

1 campus building or property’ have the meanings
2 given the terms in section 668.46(a) of title 34,
3 Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor
4 regulation).”.

5 **SEC. 3. FIRE SAFETY.**

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) In the case of an institution that main-
10 tains student housing facilities (as defined in section
11 485(i)(8)), the institution will—

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

18 “(B) notify each student selecting such a
19 facility during a student housing facility selec-
20 tion process, in writing and during such selec-
21 tion process, whether the facility is equipped
22 with a student housing facility fire safety sys-
23 tem, which includes an automatic fire sprinkler
24 system in each bedroom; and

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

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