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H. R. 4349

To require reporting by the Secretary of Education on missed opportunities,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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opportunities, and for other purposes.

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 “Missed Opportunities
5 in Student Debt and Possibilities Act of 2017”.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31 of
7 each year, the Secretary of Education shall submit to Con-
8 gress a report on missed opportunities for each competi-
9 tive or discretionary grant program administered by the
10 Department of Education in the preceding fiscal year that

1 aims to make higher education more accessible or afford-
2 able in the United States or ease borrowers' student debt
3 burdens.

4 (b) CONTENTS.—For each grant program described
5 in subsection (a), the report shall detail the 10 individual
6 applications, proposals, or requests for funding that—

7 (1) were not funded or awarded, completely or
8 partially; but

9 (2) showed the greatest potential, according to
10 the selection criteria and established goals of that
11 grant program, to—

12 (A) make higher education more accessible
13 or affordable; or

14 (B) ease borrowers' student debt burdens.

15 (c) REPORTING DATE FLEXIBILITY.—If a law re-
16 quires an annual report to Congress with respect to a
17 grant program described in subsection (a), the report on
18 missed opportunities required under this section for that
19 program may—

20 (1) be included in that annual report; and

21 (2) be submitted on or before the date that an-
22 nual report is due.

23 (d) PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY.—Upon submission of a
24 report on missed opportunities to Congress under this sec-
25 tion, the Secretary shall make the report available to the

1 public on an internet website of the Department of Edu-
2 cation in a manner that is user friendly and able to be
3 searched and downloaded by users of the website.

4 (e) TRADE SECRETS AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMA-
5 TION.—Nothing in this section authorizes the Secretary
6 to disclose any information that is a trade secret or con-
7 fidential information subject to section 552(b)(4) of title
8 5 or section 1905 of title 18.

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