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To direct the Secretary of Education to assign a unique numeric identifier to institutions of higher education to facilitate data collection and reporting, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TRAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Clean Data in Higher
5 Education Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNIVERSAL UNIQUE NUMERIC DATA IDENTIFIER.**

7 (a) ASSIGNMENT OF UNIQUE NUMERIC IDENTIFIER
8 REQUIRED.—Not later than 18 months after the date of

1 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education
2 shall assign a unique numeric identifier to at least each
3 campus of each institution of higher education that par-
4 ticipates in a program under title IV of the Higher Edu-
5 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) to be used
6 for reporting and disaggregating data for the purposes of
7 the following:

8 (1) Surveys conducted as a part of the Inte-
9 grated Postsecondary Education Data System
10 (IPEDS) or any other Federal postsecondary insti-
11 tution data collection effort, as completed in accord-
12 ance with section 487(a)(17) of the Higher Edu-
13 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)(17)).

14 (2) Reports required to be filed under section
15 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
16 U.S.C. 1092(f)).

17 (3) The electronic exchange of data under sec-
18 tion 485B of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
19 U.S.C. 1092b).

20 (4) Determinations under section 496 of the
21 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099b).

22 (5) Reports filed on the College Navigator
23 website (as defined in section 132 of the Higher
24 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a)).

1 (6) Reports filed on the College Scorecard
2 website of the Department of Education (or any suc-
3 cessor website).

4 (7) To the extent determined to be appropriate
5 by the Secretary, any other data systems of the De-
6 partment of Education that include information on
7 institutions of higher education.

8 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out subsection
9 (a), the Secretary of Education shall—

10 (1) consider the ability to use the unique nu-
11 meric identifier assigned under such subsection to—

12 (A) disaggregate institutions of higher edu-
13 cation by corporate ownership;

14 (B) identify an institution of higher edu-
15 cation with more than one campus; and

16 (C) in the case of institutions of higher
17 education described in subparagraph (B), dis-
18 tinguish between a campus with a specific loca-
19 tion and a distance education program;

20 (2) account for interactions of the unique nu-
21 meric identifier with requirements under title IV of
22 the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.),
23 including by preventing institutional attempts to
24 evade such requirements by changing the unique nu-

1 meric identifiers associated with the campuses of the
2 institution;

3 (3) to the extent practicable, minimize the pa-
4 perwork burden on institutions of higher education;

5 (4) create and make public a crosswalk indi-
6 cating changes in the unique numeric identifiers as-
7 signed by the Secretary to each campus under sub-
8 section (a) and the numeric identifiers used by the
9 Department of Education prior to the date on which
10 the Secretary assigns each campus a unique numeric
11 identifier; and

12 (5) annually create and make public an updated
13 crosswalk indicating changes in unique numeric
14 identifiers assigned to campuses, including changes
15 that result from the establishment of new locations,
16 the closing of campuses, and changes in ownership
17 and affiliation.

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