

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4977

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 1, 2019

Mr. PHILLIPS 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 “Higher Education
5 Funds Integrity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE USE OF CERTAIN**
2 **FEDERAL FUNDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title I of the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011 et seq.) is amend-
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 129. CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE USE OF CER-**
7 **TAIN FEDERAL FUNDS.**

8 “(a) PROHIBITION.—No Federal funds received
9 under this Act by an institution of higher education or
10 other postsecondary educational institution may be used
11 to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influ-
12 ence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of
13 Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an em-
14 ployee of a Member of Congress in connection with any
15 Federal action described in subsection (b).

16 “(b) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibition in subsection
17 (a) applies with respect to the following Federal actions:

18 “(1) The awarding of any Federal contract.

19 “(2) The making of any Federal grant.

20 “(3) The making of any Federal loan.

21 “(4) The entering into of any Federal coopera-
22 tive agreement.

23 “(5) The extension, continuation, renewal,
24 amendment, or modification of any Federal contract,
25 grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

1 “(c) LOBBYING AND EARMARKS.—No Federal stu-
2 dent aid funding under this Act may be used to hire a
3 registered lobbyist or pay any person or entity for securing
4 an earmark.

5 “(d) CERTIFICATION.—Each institution of higher
6 education or other postsecondary educational institution
7 receiving Federal funding under this Act, as a condition
8 for receiving such funding, shall annually certify to the
9 Secretary that the requirements of subsections (a) through
10 (c) have been met.

11 “(e) ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE.—The
12 Secretary shall take such actions as are necessary to en-
13 sure that the provisions of this section are implemented
14 and enforced.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 119 of the
16 Higher Education Opportunity Act (20 U.S.C. 1011m) is
17 repealed.

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