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S. 744

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to disclose hazing incidents, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2021

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Report and Educate
5 About Campus Hazing Act” or the “REACH Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF HAZING INCIDENTS IN ANNUAL SE-**
7 **CURITY REPORTS.**

8 Section 485(f)(1)(F) of the Higher Education Act of
9 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(1)(F)) is amended—

1 (1) in clause (i)(IX), by striking “and” after
2 the semicolon;

3 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “and” after the
4 semicolon;

5 (3) in clause (iii), by striking the period at the
6 end and inserting “; and”; and

7 (4) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(iv) of hazing incidents that were re-
9 ported to a campus official.”.

10 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF HAZING.**

11 Section 485(f)(6)(A) of the Higher Education Act of
12 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)) is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating clauses (iii) through (v) as
14 clauses (iv) through (vi), respectively; and

15 (2) by inserting after clause (ii) the following:

16 “(iii) The term ‘hazing’ means any inten-
17 tional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a
18 student, or a former student, of an institution
19 of higher education, whether individually or in
20 concert with other persons, against another stu-
21 dent (regardless of that student’s willingness to
22 participate), that—

23 “(I) was committed in connection with
24 an initiation into, an affiliation with, or
25 the maintenance of membership in, any or-

1 organization that is affiliated with such insti-
 2 tution of higher education (including any
 3 athletic team affiliated with that institu-
 4 tion); and

5 “(II) contributes to a substantial risk
 6 of physical injury, mental harm, or deg-
 7 radation or causes physical injury, mental
 8 harm, or personal degradation.”.

9 **SEC. 4. RECORDING OF HAZING INCIDENTS.**

10 Section 485(f)(7) of the Higher Education Act of
 11 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(7)) is amended by inserting after
 12 the second sentence the following: “For hazing incidents,
 13 such statistics shall be compiled in accordance with the
 14 definition of that term in paragraph (6)(A)(iii).”.

15 **SEC. 5. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON HAZING.**

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

18 (1) in the matter preceding subclause (I), by
 19 striking “and stalking” and inserting “stalking, and
 20 hazing”;

21 (2) in subclause (I)(ff), by striking “and” after
 22 the semicolon;

23 (3) in subclause (II), by striking the period at
 24 the end and inserting “; and”; and

25 (4) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(III) a comprehensive program to
2 prevent hazing that shall—

3 “(aa) be a campus-wide program
4 for students, staff, faculty, and other
5 campus stakeholders (such as alumni
6 and families of students);

7 “(bb) be a research-based pro-
8 gram;

9 “(cc) be designed and imple-
10 mented in partnership with a broad
11 coalition of campus stakeholders, in-
12 cluding leadership of the institution,
13 faculty, staff, students, alumni, and
14 families of students;

15 “(dd) include information on haz-
16 ing awareness, hazing prevention, the
17 institution’s policies on hazing, how to
18 report hazing, and the process used to
19 investigate hazing; and

20 “(ee) include skill building for
21 bystander intervention, information
22 about ethical leadership, and the pro-
23 motion of strategies for building
24 group cohesion without hazing.”.

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