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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1932

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2021

Mrs. MCBATH (for herself and Mr. LOWENTHAL) 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 “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 campus security authorities or local
10 police agencies.”.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF HAZING.**

12 Section 485(f)(6)(A) of the Higher Education Act of
13 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)) is amended—

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

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

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

24 “(I) was committed in connection with
25 an initiation into, an affiliation with, or

1 the maintenance of membership in, any or-
 2 ganization that is affiliated with such insti-
 3 tution of higher education (including any
 4 athletic team affiliated with that institu-
 5 tion); and

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

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

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

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

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

19 (1) in the matter preceding subclause (I), by in-
 20 serting “, and hazing” after “stalking”; and

21 (2) in subclause (I)—

22 (A) in item (aa), by inserting before the
 23 semicolon the following: “, and hazing”; and

1 (B) in item (bb), by inserting before the
2 semicolon the following: “, and the definition of
3 hazing in paragraph (6)(A)(ii)’”; and

4 (C) in item (dd), by inserting “, or hazing”
5 after “stalking”.

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