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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To require institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. HINSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To require institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students, 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 “Pregnant Students’
5 Rights Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTICE OF PREGNANT STUDENT RIGHTS, ACCOM-**
2 **MODATIONS, AND RESOURCES.**

3 Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 1092) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(n) PREGNANT STUDENTS’ RIGHTS, ACCOMMODA-
7 TIONS, AND RESOURCES.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each institution of higher
9 education participating in any program under this
10 title shall carry out the information dissemination
11 activities described in paragraph (3) for prospective
12 and enrolled students (including those attending or
13 planning to attend less than full time) regarding the
14 information described in paragraph (2) on the rights
15 to, and resources (including protections and accom-
16 modations) for, pregnant students to carry a baby to
17 term and students who may become pregnant while
18 enrolled at such institution of higher education to
19 carry a baby to term.

20 “(2) INFORMATION CONTENT.—The informa-
21 tion described in this paragraph is the following:

22 “(A) A list of resources on campus and in
23 the community that exist to help a pregnant
24 student in carrying the baby to term and caring
25 for the baby after birth.

1 “(B) Information about the accommoda-
2 tions available to help a pregnant student carry
3 the baby to term and parent the baby after
4 birth.

5 “(C) Information on how to file a com-
6 plaint with—

7 “(i) the Department of Education, if
8 a student believes there was a violation by
9 the institution of title IX of the Education
10 Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et
11 seq.) on account of such student’s deter-
12 mination to carry a baby to term; and

13 “(ii) the institution, if a student be-
14 lieves the student has been discriminated
15 against in violation of such title IX on ac-
16 count of the student’s determination to
17 carry a baby to term.

18 “(3) INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ACTIVI-
19 TIES.—The information dissemination activities de-
20 scribed in this paragraph shall include—

21 “(A) an email to each enrolled student at
22 least once each academic year; and

23 “(B) the provision of information—

24 “(i) in student handbooks, if any;

1 “(ii) at each orientation for enrolled
2 students;

3 “(iii) at student health or counseling
4 centers, if any; and

5 “(iv) on the publicly available website
6 of the institution of higher education.

7 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
8 this subsection shall be construed to authorize the
9 Secretary to require the dissemination of additional
10 information, or establish additional rights, beyond
11 the information and rights included in this sub-
12 section.”.