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H. R. 7416

To address food and housing insecurity on college campuses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HAYES (for herself, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. COHEN, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. BROWN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. TAKANO, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SCANLON, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. IVEY, and Ms. JACKSON LEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To address food and housing insecurity on college campuses.

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 “Closing the College
5 Hunger Gap Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION ON SNAP ELIGIBILITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 483 of the Higher Edu-
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1090) is amended by add-
9 ing at the end the following:

1 “(i) INFORMATION ON SNAP ELIGIBILITY.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For each year for which a
3 student described in paragraph (2) submits a form
4 described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall send
5 to such student information regarding potential eli-
6 gibility for assistance under, and application process
7 for, the supplemental nutrition assistance program
8 established under the Food and Nutrition Act of
9 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) in written and elec-
10 tronic form. Both the written and electronic commu-
11 nication shall include contact information for the
12 State agency responsible for administering the sup-
13 plemental nutrition assistance program in the State
14 in which the student resides.

15 “(2) STUDENTS.—A student is described in this
16 paragraph if the student has an expected family con-
17 tribution equal to zero for the year.”.

18 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Education
19 shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture, and the
20 head of any other applicable Federal or State agency, in
21 designing the written and electronic communication re-
22 garding potential eligibility for assistance under, and ap-
23 plication process for, the supplemental nutrition assistance
24 program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of
25 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) as described in section

1 483(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
2 1090(i)).

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act and the amendment made by this Act shall
5 take effect 120 days after the date of enactment of this
6 Act.

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