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# S. 3947

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 11, 2020

Mr. KAINE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “Coronavirus Relief  
5 Flexibility for Students and Institutions Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HIGHER EDUCATION RELIEF FUND.**

2 Section 18004 of division B of the Coronavirus Aid,  
3 Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136)  
4 is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “deter-  
6 mines have the” and inserting “determines, through  
7 an application process, demonstrate the”;

8 (2) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) by striking “cover any costs associated  
10 with significant changes to the delivery of in-  
11 struction due to the coronavirus” and inserting  
12 “defray expenses (including lost revenue, reim-  
13 bursement for expenses already incurred, tech-  
14 nology costs associated with a transition to dis-  
15 tance education, faculty and staff training, and  
16 payroll)”;

17 (B) by striking “Institutions” and insert-  
18 ing “Notwithstanding any provision of the  
19 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001  
20 et seq.), institutions”;

21 (C) by inserting “, with the eligibility and  
22 selection of the students receiving such grants  
23 being determined solely by each such institu-  
24 tion” before the period at the end; and

25 (3) in subsection (d)(1)—

1           (A) by inserting “determining grant recipi-  
2           ents and” after “In”; and

3           (B) by inserting “, by application under  
4           such section 18004(a)(3),” after “dem-  
5           onstrates”.

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