117th CONGRESS 1st Session



To require institutions of higher education to disclose hazing-related misconduct, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ______

A BILL

To require institutions of higher education to disclose hazingrelated misconduct, 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 "Educational Notifica-
- 5 tion and Disclosure of Actions risking Loss of Life by
- 6 Hazing Act" or the "END ALL Hazing Act".

7 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

8 Congress finds the following:

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(1) Hazing is a problem in the United States,
 but most especially in our Nation's educational system.
 (2) Hazing undermines the educational experi-

ence of the victims and the perpetrators. Hazing
often perpetuates a cycle in which students who have
been hazed feel the need to haze other students as
a rite of passage to join a student organization.

9 (3) While hazing takes many forms, including 10 menial labor, disparagement, public or private hu-11 miliation, and forced exercise, the combination of al-12 cohol or drug consumption as a form of hazing has 13 caused bodily injury to thousands of students and 14 has been fatal in many instances.

(4) Numerous students have died as a result of
collegiate hazing. Some of the recent tragedies include Nicky Cumberland, Max Gruver, Tim Piazza,
Dalton Debrick, Collin Wiant, Marquise Braham,
and Harrison Kowiak.

20 SEC. 3. HAZING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTITU-

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TIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

22 Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
23 U.S.C. 1092) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

1	(A) in subparagraph (U), by striking
2	"and" at the end;
3	(B) in subparagraph (V), by striking the
4	period and inserting "; and"; and
5	(C) by adding at the end the following new
6	subparagraph:
7	"(W) the hazing reports prepared by the
8	institution pursuant to subsection (n)."; and
9	(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10	section:
11	"(n) DISCLOSURES OF HAZING-RELATED MIS-
12	CONDUCT.—
13	"(1) MANDATORY HAZING REPORTS.—Each eli-
14	gible institution participating in any program under
15	this title, other than a foreign institution of higher
16	education, shall on August 1, 2022, begin to collect
17	information with respect to hazing-related mis-
18	conduct and anti-hazing policies of that institution
19	and prepare, in accordance with this subsection, a
20	report containing the information required by this
21	subsection and make the report publicly available be-
22	ginning on January 1, 2023, and each July 1 and
23	January 1 thereafter, or on dates determined by
24	State law.
25	"(2) Report content.—

1	"(A) IN GENERAL.—A report required by
2	paragraph (1) shall include each finding by the
3	institution that a student organization com-
4	mitted—
5	"(i) a violation of the institution's
6	standards of conduct, or of Federal, State,
7	or local law, relating to hazing; or
8	"(ii) other hazing-related conduct that
9	threatens a student's physical safety, in-
10	cluding a violation involving the abuse or
11	illegal use of alcohol or drugs.
12	"(B) Incident information.—A report
13	required by paragraph (1) shall include, for
14	each finding by the institution of a violation de-
15	scribed in subparagraph (A), the following:
16	"(i) The name of the student organi-
17	zation that committed the violation.
18	"(ii) A general description of the vio-
19	lation, the charges, the findings of the in-
20	stitution, and the sanctions placed on the
21	organization.
22	"(iii) The dates on which—
23	"(I) the violation was alleged to
24	have occurred;

1	"(II) the student organization
2	was charged with misconduct;
3	"(III) the investigation was initi-
4	ated; and
5	"(IV) the investigation ended
6	with a finding that a violation oc-
7	curred.
8	"(C) EXCLUSIONS.—A report required by
9	paragraph (1) shall not include—
10	"(i) any information related to allega-
11	tions or investigations of hazing that do
12	not result in a formal finding of a violation
13	of the standards of conduct of the institu-
14	tion; or
15	"(ii) any personally identifiable infor-
16	mation on any individual student or mem-
17	ber of a student organization.
18	"(D) FERPA COMPLIANCE.—The report
19	required by paragraph (1) shall be subject to
20	the requirements of section 444 of the General
21	Education Provisions Act (commonly known as
22	the 'Family Educational Rights and Privacy
23	Act of 1974').
24	"(3) AVAILABILITY.—

1	"(A) PUBLIC WEBSITE.—Each institution
2	shall provide, in a prominent location on the in-
3	stitution's website, a link to the webpage that
4	contains each report required under paragraph
5	(1). Such webpage shall include a statement no-
6	tifying the public—
7	"(i) of the availability of information,
8	including findings or sanctions, except in-
9	formation protected under section 444 of
10	the General Education Provisions Act
11	(commonly known as the 'Family Edu-
12	cation Rights and Privacy Act of 1974');
13	"(ii) a description of how a member of
14	the public may obtain such information;
15	and
16	"(iii) a statement that the institution
17	is required to provide such information
18	pursuant to this subsection.
19	"(B) MAINTENANCE PERIOD.—Each insti-
20	tution shall maintain each report required
21	under paragraph (1) on its website for a period
22	of 5 academic years.
23	"(4) Reports to law enforcement.—Each
24	institution participating in any program under this
25	title, other than a foreign institution of higher edu-

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1 cation, shall report to campus police and appropriate 2 law enforcement authorities any allegation of hazing 3 that involved serious bodily injury or a significant 4 risk of serious bodily injury that is reported to the 5 institution, campus authorities, or any student orga-6 nization officially recognized by the institution. Such 7 an allegation shall be reported to campus police and 8 appropriate law enforcement authorities not later 9 than 72 hours from the time the institution is first 10 notified of the allegation.

11 "(5) Applicability to multi-institution 12 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.-In the case of an alle-13 gation that a multi-institution student organization 14 was involved in a hazing incident, the requirements 15 of this subsection shall apply only to the institution 16 or institutions at which the students involved in such 17 allegation are enrolled (or were formerly enrolled), 18 including any student who was a victim in the al-19 leged incident.

20 "(6) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this
21 Act—

"(A) HAZING.—The term 'hazing' means
any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a student, or a former student, of an
institution of higher education, whether individ-

1	ually or in concert with other persons, against
2	another student, that—
3	"(i) was committed in connection with
4	an initiation into, an affiliation with, or
5	the maintenance of membership in, any
6	student organization; and
7	"(ii) causes, or contributes to a sub-
8	stantial risk of, physical injury, mental
9	harm, or personal degradation.
10	"(B) STUDENT ORGANIZATION.—
11	"(i) IN GENERAL.—The term 'student
12	organization' means an organization that
13	is officially recognized by or otherwise af-
14	filiated with an institution of higher edu-
15	cation and that has a membership that is
16	made up primarily of students enrolled at
17	such institution.
18	"(ii) Multi-institution student
19	ORGANIZATIONS.—The term 'multi-institu-
20	tion student organization' means a student
21	organization that includes students from
22	more than one institution of higher edu-
23	cation, including citywide, regional, State,
24	and national chapters of student organiza-
25	tions.".