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# H. R. 4637

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to provide notice to students receiving work-study assistance about potential eligibility for participation in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 11, 2019

Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Mr. TAKANO) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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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 “Opportunity to Ad-  
5       dress College Hunger Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION REGARDING SNAP FOR STUDENTS**  
2 **RECEIVING FEDERAL WORK-STUDY ASSIST-**  
3 **ANCE.**

4 Section 443 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
5 U.S.C. 1087–53) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(f) NOTIFICATION REGARDING SNAP.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An institution receiving a  
9 grant under this part shall send a notification (by  
10 email or other electronic means) to each eligible stu-  
11 dent informing the student of their potential eligi-  
12 bility for participation in the SNAP and the process  
13 for obtaining more information, confirming eligi-  
14 bility, and accessing benefits under that program.  
15 The notification shall be developed by the Secretary  
16 of Education in consultation with the Secretary of  
17 Agriculture, and shall include details on eligibility  
18 requirements for participation in the SNAP that a  
19 student must satisfy. The notification shall be, to  
20 the extent practicable, specific to the student’s State  
21 of residence and shall provide contact information  
22 for the local office where an application for the  
23 SNAP may be made.

24 “(2) EVIDENCE OF PARTICIPATION IN FEDER-  
25 ALLY FINANCED WORK-STUDY PROGRAM.—The noti-  
26 fication under paragraph (1) shall include an official

1 document confirming that the recipient is an eligible  
2 student sufficient for purposes of demonstrating that  
3 the exclusion from ineligibility for participation in  
4 the SNAP under section 6(e)(4) of the Food and  
5 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(e)(4)) applies  
6 to the student.

7 “(3) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Education,  
8 in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture,  
9 shall provide guidance to States and institutions of  
10 higher education on how to identify and commu-  
11 nicate with students who are likely to be eligible for  
12 the SNAP, including those eligible for a State or  
13 federally financed work-study program.

14 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
15 section:

16 “(A) The term ‘eligible student’ means a  
17 student receiving work-study assistance under  
18 this part.

19 “(B) The term ‘SNAP’ means the supple-  
20 mental nutrition assistance program (as defined  
21 in section 3(t) of the Food and Nutrition Act  
22 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(t))).”.

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