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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent certain alcohol
and substance misuse.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself, Mrs. MCBATH, and Mr. PAPPAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent
certain alcohol and substance misuse.

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 “Campus Prevention
5 and Recovery Services for Students Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION.**

7 Section 120 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
8 U.S.C. 1011i) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION**” and inserting “**ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE**”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees that,” and inserting “an evidence-based or evidence-informed program to prevent alcohol and substance misuse by students and employees that,”;

(B) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking “the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol” and inserting “alcohol and substance misuse”;

(C) by amending paragraph (1)(D) to read as follows:

“(D) a description of any alcohol or substance misuse counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, recovery, reentry, or recovery support programs provided by the institution (including in partnership with a community-based organization) that are available to employees or students; and”;

(D) in paragraph (1)(E), by striking “that the institution will impose” and inserting “of the policies of the institution regarding”; and

(E) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “, overdoses,” after “violations”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “and” at the end and inserting “or”; and

(iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, overdoses,” after “violations”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (A);

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) assistance to institutions to comply with the requirements of this section.”;

(B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (4); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

1 “(2) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.—Not later
2 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
3 paragraph, the Secretary shall enter into an inter-
4 agency agreement with the Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services, acting through the Assistant Sec-
6 retary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to—

7 “(A) develop best practices that inform cri-
8 teria which satisfy the requirement under sub-
9 section (a) that an institution of higher edu-
10 cation has adopted and has implemented an evi-
11 dence-based or evidence-informed program de-
12 scribed in such subsection;

13 “(B) establish a process for disseminating
14 the best practices for adopting and imple-
15 menting such an evidence-based or evidence-in-
16 formed program; and

17 “(C) establish a process that promotes co-
18 ordination and collaboration between institu-
19 tions of higher education and the respective
20 State agencies that administer the Substance
21 Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Serv-
22 ices Block Grants pursuant to subpart II of
23 part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service
24 Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–21).

1 “(3) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the
3 Secretary shall, in coordination with the Secretary of
4 Health and Human Services, acting through the As-
5 sistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance
6 Use, issue guidance with respect to the criteria de-
7 scribed in paragraph (2)(A).”; and

8 (4) in subsection (e)—

9 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
10 “**DRUG ABUSE**” in the heading and inserting
11 “**SUBSTANCE MISUSE**”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) by striking “, and enter into con-
14 tracts with such institutions, consortia,
15 and” and “or contracts”;

16 (ii) by striking “other organizations”
17 and inserting “community-based organiza-
18 tions that partner with institutions of high-
19 er education, including with a collegiate re-
20 covery program of an institution,”;

21 (iii) by striking “programs of preven-
22 tion, and education (including treatment-
23 referral) to reduce and eliminate the illegal
24 use of drugs and alcohol and the violence
25 associated with such use” and inserting

1 “evidence-based or evidence-informed pro-
2 grams of alcohol and substance misuse
3 prevention and education (including pro-
4 grams to improve access to treatment, re-
5 covery support services, referral for treat-
6 ment services, or crisis intervention serv-
7 ices) to eliminate illegal substance use, de-
8 crease substance misuse, and improve pub-
9 lic health and safety”; and

10 (iv) by striking “alcohol and drug
11 abuse” and inserting “substance use dis-
12 order”;

13 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
14 through (5) as paragraphs (3) through (6), re-
15 spectively;

16 (D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
17 following:

18 “(2) ADDITIONAL USES.—In addition to the ac-
19 tivities described in paragraph (1), a grant or con-
20 tract awarded under paragraph (1) may be used to
21 carry out one or more of the following evidence-
22 based or evidence-informed programs or activities:

23 “(A) Providing programs for recovery sup-
24 port services, peer support services, and coun-

1 seling for students with a substance use dis-
2 order.

3 “(B) Promoting integration and collabora-
4 tion in campus-based health services between
5 primary care, substance use disorder services,
6 and mental health services.

7 “(C) Promoting integrated care services
8 for students related to screening, diagnosis, pre-
9 vention, and treatment of mental health and
10 substance use disorders.

11 “(D) Providing re-entry assistance for stu-
12 dents on academic probation due to their sub-
13 stance use disorder.

14 “(E) Preventing fatal and nonfatal
15 overdoses, including restoring existing mental
16 health and substance use disorder services after
17 a natural disaster or public health emergency
18 declared by the Secretary of Health and
19 Human Services under section 319 of the Pub-
20 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d).

21 “(F) Providing education to students, fac-
22 ulty, or other personnel on—

23 “(i) recognizing the signs and symp-
24 toms of substance use disorder and how to
25 engage and support a person in a crisis;

1 “(ii) resources available in the com-
2 munity, within the institution of higher
3 education, and other relevant resources for
4 individuals with a substance use disorder;
5 and

6 “(iii) safely de-escalating crises involv-
7 ing individuals with a substance use dis-
8 order.”;

9 (E) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by
10 subparagraph (C), by striking “and contracts”;

11 (F) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by
12 subparagraph (C), by striking “or contract”;

13 (G) in paragraph (5), as redesignated by
14 subparagraph (C), by striking “and contracts”
15 each place it appears; and

16 (H) by amending paragraph (6), as redesi-
17 gnated by subparagraph (C), to read as fol-
18 lows:

19 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
20 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
21 this section \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and
22 each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.”.

1 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS.**

2 Section 487(a)(10) of the Higher Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)(10)) is amended to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 “(10)(A) The institution certifies that it has in
6 operation an alcohol and substance misuse preven-
7 tion program in accordance with section 120 that is
8 determined by the institution to be accessible to any
9 officer, employee, or student at the institution.

10 “(B) The institution shall be considered in com-
11 pliance with the requirements of subparagraph (A)
12 unless there is a showing that the institution know-
13 ingly and willfully did not implement a prevention
14 program described in such subparagraph.”.

15 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

16 The Secretary of Education shall report to the Com-
17 mittee on Education and Workforce of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Committee on Health, Education,
19 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate on the efforts of the
20 Secretary carried out under the amendments made by this
21 Act, and best practices from institutions receiving a grant
22 under section 120(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
23 (20 U.S.C. 1011i(e)), as amended by section 2 of this
24 Act—

25 (1) not later than one year after the date of en-
26 actment of this Act; and

1 (2) three years after the date of enactment of
2 this Act.

3 **SEC. 5. APPLICABILITY.**

4 The amendments made by paragraph (2) of section
5 2 and the amendments made by section 3 shall apply to
6 institutions of higher education beginning on the date that
7 is 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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