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1ST SESSION

H. R. 777

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to send to certain students who submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid information regarding potential eligibility for assistance under the supplemental nutrition assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2025

Mrs. HAYES (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. TITUS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. CHU, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. BROWN, Ms. PLASKETT, and Mrs. RAMIREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Closing the College
3 Hunger Gap Act”.

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

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

8 “(e) INFORMATION ON SNAP ELIGIBILITY.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For each year for which a
10 student described in paragraph (2) submits a form
11 described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall send
12 to such student information regarding potential eli-
13 gibility for assistance under, and application process
14 for, the supplemental nutrition assistance program
15 established under the Food and Nutrition Act of
16 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) in written and elec-
17 tronic form. Both the written and electronic commu-
18 nication shall include contact information for the
19 State agency responsible for administering the sup-
20 plemental nutrition assistance program in the State
21 in which the student resides.

22 “(2) STUDENTS.—A student is described in this
23 paragraph if the student has a negative or zero stu-
24 dent aid index for the year.”.

25 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Education
26 shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture, and the

1 head of any other applicable Federal or State agency, in
2 designing the written and electronic communication re-
3 garding potential eligibility for assistance under, and ap-
4 plication process for, the supplemental nutrition assistance
5 program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of
6 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) as described in section
7 483(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
8 1090(e)).

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

10 This Act and the amendment made by this Act shall
11 take effect 120 days after the date of enactment of this
12 Act.

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