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H. R. 1440

To require the Department of Education to provide links to databases of information concerning scholarships and fellowships.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. MODIFICATION OF INTERNET SITE REQUIRED.**

4 (a) **MODIFICATION REQUIRED.**—Within 30 days
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Department
6 of Education shall modify the site it maintains on the
7 Internet for public information to include direct links to
8 databases of information concerning scholarships, fellow-
9 ships, and other student financial aid. A direct link shall

1 not be included to any such database unless access to such
2 database is provided without charge. Prior to including a
3 direct link to any such database, the Department shall
4 consult with the Federal Trade Commission for the pur-
5 poses of verifying that such database is not being used
6 in furtherance of any fraudulent or deceptive practice.

7 (b) **DISCLAIMER AND WARNING REQUIRED.**—In
8 making the modification required by subsection (a)—

9 (1) the Department shall prominently display
10 adjacent to the required links a disclaimer indicating
11 that identification of a database does not constitute
12 an endorsement or recommendation of the database
13 or its provider, or of any other services of such pro-
14 vider; and

15 (2) the Department shall provide additional di-
16 rect links to information resources from which stu-
17 dents may obtain information about fraudulent and
18 deceptive practices in the provision of services relat-
19 ed to student financial aid.

20 (c) **NO EFFECT ON STATUS.**—The provision of a link
21 to a database under this section shall not affect the status
22 or legal obligations of any provider of the database, or of
23 any scholarship, fellowship, or other student financial aid
24 listed in such database.

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