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H. R. 2837

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to widely distribute information describing their procedures for receiving and responding to complaints concerning harassment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEINER (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FROST, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. McKINNEY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LEE, Mrs. THURMAN, and Ms. CARSON) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sexual Harassment
3 Awareness Reporting and Posting Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. HARASSMENT PROCEDURE DISCLOSURES RE-**
5 **QUIRED.**

6 Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
7 U.S.C. 1092) is amended by adding at end the following
8 new subsection:

9 “(h) HARASSMENT PROCEDURE DISCLOSURES RE-
10 QUIRED.—Each eligible institution participating in any
11 program under this title shall carry out appropriate and
12 reasonable information dissemination activities for pro-
13 spective and enrolled students (including those attending
14 or planning to attend less than full time) regarding the
15 procedures established by such institution for receiving
16 and responding to complaints regarding sexual harass-
17 ment. Such dissemination activities shall include—

18 “(1) distribution to enrolled students (along
19 with the distribution of information concerning en-
20 rollment in the institution) of information—

21 “(A) identifying the acts that constitute
22 sexual harassment;

23 “(B) stating that sexual harassment is ille-
24 gal; and

25 “(C) describing the procedures to be fol-
26 lowed to file a sexual harassment complaint and

1 to receive services and assistance for the victim;
2 and
3 “(2) posting of the information described in
4 paragraph (1) through bulletins widely distributed
5 among the buildings, classrooms, student unions,
6 and other facilities on the campus of such institu-
7 tion.”.

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