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# H. R. 225

To require investigations by institutions of higher education of violent felonies occurring on campus.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2005

Mr. SWEENEY (for himself and Mr. McNULTY) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To require investigations by institutions of higher education  
of violent felonies occurring on campus.

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 “Suzanne Lyall Campus  
5 Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INVESTIGATIONS BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**  
7 **EDUCATION OF VIOLENT FELONIES.**

8 Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
9 U.S.C. 1092) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
2           section (h); and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
4           lowing new subsection:

5           “(g) INVESTIGATION OF SERIOUS VIOLENT FELO-  
6           NIES.—

7           “(1) PLANS FOR INVESTIGATION OF SERIOUS  
8           VIOLENT FELONIES.—Each institution of higher  
9           education shall, within one year after the date of en-  
10          actment of the Suzanne Lyall Campus Safety Act,  
11          adopt and implement a plan providing for the inves-  
12          tigation of any serious violent felony occurring at or  
13          on the grounds of each such institution, and pro-  
14          viding for the investigation of a report of any miss-  
15          ing student. Such plans shall provide for the coordi-  
16          nation of the investigation of such crimes and re-  
17          ports with local law enforcement agencies. Such  
18          plans shall include, but not be limited to, written  
19          agreements with appropriate local law enforcement  
20          agencies providing for the prompt investigation of  
21          such crimes and reports.

22          “(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this subsection:

23                  “(A) LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-  
24                  CIES.—The term ‘local law enforcement agen-  
25                  cies’ means any agency or agencies employing

1 peace officers or police officers for the enforce-  
2 ment of the laws of a State, and which has or  
3 have jurisdiction under provisions of the crimi-  
4 nal procedure law over offenses occurring at or  
5 on the grounds of any institution subject to the  
6 provisions of this subsection.

7 “(B) MISSING STUDENT.—The term ‘miss-  
8 ing student’ means any student of an institu-  
9 tion subject to the provisions of this subsection  
10 who resides in a facility owned or operated by  
11 such institution and who is reported to such in-  
12 stitution as missing from his or her residence.

13 “(C) SERIOUS VIOLENT FELONY.—The  
14 term ‘serious violent felony’ means a serious  
15 violent felony as such term is defined by section  
16 3559(c) of title 18, United States Code.”.

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