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S. 3665

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide information to foster youth on their potential eligibility for Federal student aid.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 6, 2012

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Foster Youth Higher
5 Education Opportunities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMING FOSTER YOUTH OF THEIR POTENTIAL**
2 **ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.**

3 Section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 1090) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(i) INFORMING FOSTER YOUTH OF THEIR POTEN-
7 TIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.—The
8 Secretary shall inform each student who indicates on a
9 FAFSA form, in either paper or electronic format, that
10 the student is a foster youth or was in the foster care
11 system of the student’s potential eligibility for Federal
12 student aid, including the specific Federal programs under
13 which such student may be eligible to receive assistance
14 such as the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence
15 Program under section 477 of the Social Security Act (42
16 U.S.C. 677).”.

17 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH ON DEPART-**
18 **MENT WEBSITE.**

19 Section 485E(b) of the Higher Education Act of
20 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092f(b)) is amended by adding at the
21 end the following:

22 “(5) INFORMATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH ON DE-
23 PARTMENT WEBSITE.—The Secretary shall include
24 on the Department’s website information for foster
25 youth regarding such youth’s potential eligibility for
26 Federal student aid, including the specific Federal

- 1 programs under which such youth may be eligible to
- 2 receive assistance.”.

