

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2270

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require assurances by recipients of assistance under section 402B or 402C of that Act with respect to activities for homeless children and youths and foster care children and youth, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2019

Mr. MITCHELL (for himself, Mr. BACON, and Mr. CARBAJAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Removing Barriers to
5 Foster Youth Success in College Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TALENT SEARCH.**

2 Section 402B(d) of the Higher Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–12(d)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” after
5 the semicolon;

6 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
7 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(5) require an assurance that the entity car-
10 rying out the project has reviewed and revised poli-
11 cies and practices as needed to remove barriers to
12 the participation and retention in the project of
13 homeless children and youths (as such term is de-
14 fined in section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Home-
15 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a)), including
16 unaccompanied youths, and foster care children and
17 youth;

18 “(6) require that such entity submit, as part of
19 the application for the project, a description of the
20 activities that will be undertaken to reach out to
21 homeless children and youths and foster care chil-
22 dren and youth as part of the project; and

23 “(7) require an assurance that such entity will
24 prepare and submit the report required under sec-
25 tion 402H(e) at the conclusion of the project regard-

1 ing homeless children and youths and foster care
2 children and youth.”.

3 **SEC. 3. UPWARD BOUND.**

4 Section 402C(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
5 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–13(e)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” after
7 the semicolon;

8 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(6) require an assurance that the entity car-
12 rying out the project has reviewed and revised poli-
13 cies and practices as needed to remove barriers to
14 the participation and retention in the project of
15 homeless children and youths (as such term is de-
16 fined in section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Home-
17 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a)), including
18 unaccompanied youths, and foster care children and
19 youth;

20 “(7) require that such entity submit, as part of
21 the application, a description of the activities that
22 will be undertaken to reach out to homeless children
23 and youths and foster care children and youth re-
24 garding the project; and

1 “(8) require an assurance that such entity will
 2 prepare and submit the report required under sec-
 3 tion 402H(e) at the conclusion of the project regard-
 4 ing homeless children and youths and foster care
 5 children and youth.”.

6 **SEC. 4. REPORTS AND EVALUATIONS.**

7 Section 402H of the Higher Education Act of 1965
 8 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–18) is amended by adding at the end
 9 the following:

10 “(e) REPORTS REGARDING HOMELESS CHILDREN
 11 AND YOUTHS AND FOSTER CARE CHILDREN AND
 12 YOUTH.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each entity carrying out a
 14 project under section 402B or 402C shall, at the
 15 conclusion of the project, prepare and submit a re-
 16 port to the Secretary that includes—

17 “(A) data on the number of homeless chil-
 18 dren and youths (as such term is defined in sec-
 19 tion 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
 20 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a)) and foster
 21 care children and youth served through the
 22 project; and

23 “(B) a description of any strategies or pro-
 24 gram enhancements that were used in the
 25 project and that were effective in meeting the

1 needs of homeless children and youths and fos-
2 ter care children and youth.

3 “(2) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary
4 annually shall submit to the Congress a report sum-
5 marizing the information provided in the reports
6 submitted under paragraph (1).”.

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