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119TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to provide notice to students receiving work-study assistance about potential eligibility for participation in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BONAMICI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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 “Opportunity To Ad-
5 dress College Hunger Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION REGARDING SNAP FOR STUDENTS**
2 **RECEIVING FEDERAL WORK-STUDY ASSIST-**
3 **ANCE.**

4 Section 443 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
5 U.S.C. 1087–53) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(f) NOTIFICATION REGARDING SNAP.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An institution receiving a
9 grant under this part shall send a notification (by
10 email or other electronic means) to each eligible stu-
11 dent informing the student of their potential eligi-
12 bility for participation in SNAP and the process for
13 obtaining more information, confirming eligibility,
14 and accessing benefits under that program. The no-
15 tification shall be developed by the Secretary of Edu-
16 cation in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-
17 culture, and shall include details on eligibility re-
18 quirements for participation in SNAP that a student
19 must satisfy. The notification shall be, to the extent
20 practicable, specific to the student’s State of resi-
21 dence and shall provide contact information for the
22 local office where an application for SNAP may be
23 made.

24 “(2) EVIDENCE OF PARTICIPATION IN FEDER-
25 ALLY FINANCED WORK-STUDY PROGRAM.—The noti-
26 fication under paragraph (1) shall include an official

1 document confirming that the recipient is an eligible
2 student sufficient for purposes of demonstrating that
3 the exclusion from ineligibility for participation in
4 SNAP under section 6(e)(4) of the Food and Nutri-
5 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(e)(4)) applies to
6 the student.

7 “(3) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Education,
8 in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture,
9 shall provide guidance to States and institutions of
10 higher education on how to identify and commu-
11 nicate with students who are likely to be eligible for
12 SNAP, including those eligible for a State or feder-
13 ally financed work-study program.

14 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
15 section:

16 “(A) The term ‘eligible student’ means—

17 “(i) a student receiving work-study
18 assistance under this part; and

19 “(ii) a student who is eligible to re-
20 ceive a Federal Pell Grant under section
21 401.

22 “(B) The term ‘SNAP’ means the supple-
23 mental nutrition assistance program (as defined
24 in section 3(t) of the Food and Nutrition Act
25 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(t))).”.