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H. R. 1207

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to withhold Federal student financial assistance from students who have engaged in hazing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2003

Ms. WATSON (for herself, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. OWENS, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to withhold Federal student financial assistance from students who have engaged in hazing, and for other purposes.

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 “Hazing Prohibition
5 Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. LOSS OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY FOR**
2 **HAZING.**

3 Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (51
4 U.S.C. 20 U.S.C. 1091) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following new subsection:

6 “(s) LOSS OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY
7 FOR HAZING.—

8 “(1) SUSPENSION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIRED.—

9 A student who has been subjected to an official
10 sanction for hazing, or for being an accessory to
11 hazing, shall not be eligible to receive any grant,
12 loan, or work assistance under this title during the
13 period beginning on the date of such sanction and
14 ending after an interval of one year.

15 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
16 section:

17 “(A) The term ‘hazing’ means any as-
18 sumption of authority by a student whereby an-
19 other student suffers or is exposed to any cru-
20 elty, intimidation, humiliation, embarrassment,
21 hardship, or oppression, or is required to per-
22 form exercises to excess, to become sleep de-
23 prived, to commit dangerous activities, to curry
24 favor from those in power, to submit to physical
25 assaults, to consume offensive foods or alcohol,

1 or the threat of bodily harm or death, or the
2 deprivation or abridgement of any right.

3 “(B) The term ‘official sanction’—

4 “(i) means expulsion, suspension, pro-
5 bation, censure, condemnation, reprimand,
6 or any other disciplinary, coercive, or ad-
7 verse action taken by an institution of
8 higher education or administrative unit of
9 the institution; and

10 “(ii) includes an oral or written warn-
11 ing made by an official of an institution of
12 higher education acting in the official ca-
13 pacity of the official.”.

14 **SEC. 3. REPORTING OF HAZING CRIMES TO STUDENTS.**

15 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 485(f)(1)(E) of the High-
16 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(1)(E)) is
17 amended—

18 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (vii);

19 (2) by inserting “and” after the semicolon at
20 the end of clause (viii); and

21 (3) by inserting after clause (viii) the following
22 new clause:

23 “(ix) hazing;”.

1 (b) DEFINITION.—Section 485(f) of such Act is fur-
2 ther amended by adding at the end the following new para-
3 graph:

4 “(7) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘haz-
5 ing’ has the meaning provided in section 484(s)(2).”.

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