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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent certain alcohol  
and substance misuse.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent  
certain alcohol and substance misuse.

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 “Campus Prevention  
5       and Recovery Services for Students Act of 2026”.

6       **SEC. 2. ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION.**

7        Section 120 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
8       U.S.C. 1011i) is amended—

4 (2) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
6 by striking “a program to prevent the use of il-  
7 licit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students  
8 and employees that,” and inserting “an evi-  
9 dence-based or evidence-informed program to  
10 prevent alcohol and substance misuse by stu-  
11 dents and employees that.”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking “the  
13 use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol”  
14 and inserting “alcohol and substance misuse”;

15 (C) by amending paragraph (1)(D) to read  
16 as follows:

17                     “(D) a description of any alcohol or sub-  
18                     stance misuse counseling, treatment, rehabilita-  
19                     tion, recovery, reentry, or recovery support pro-  
20                     grams provided by the institution (including in  
21                     partnership with a community-based organiza-  
22                     tion) that are available to employees or stu-  
23                     dents; and”;

1 (D) in paragraph (1)(E), by striking “that  
2 the institution will impose” and inserting “of  
3 the policies of the institution regarding”; and

4 (E) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
6 “, overdoses,” after “violations”;

7 (ii) in subparagraph (B)(i), by strik-  
8 ing “and” at the end and inserting “or”;  
9 and

10 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting  
11 “, overdoses,” after “violations”;

12 (3) in subsection (c)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by striking “and” at the end of  
15 subparagraph (A);

16 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
17 the period and inserting “; and”; and

18 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
19 lowing:

22 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
23 paragraph (4); and

24 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
25 following:

1                   “(2) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.—Not later  
2                   than 180 days after the date of enactment of this  
3                   paragraph, the Secretary shall enter into an inter-  
4                   agency agreement with the Secretary of Health and  
5                   Human Services, acting through the Assistant Sec-  
6                   etary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to—

7                   “(A) develop best practices that inform cri-  
8                   teria which satisfy the requirement under sub-  
9                   section (a) that an institution of higher edu-  
10                   cation has adopted and has implemented an evi-  
11                   dence-based or evidence-informed program de-  
12                   scribed in such subsection;

13                   “(B) establish a process for disseminating  
14                   the best practices for adopting and imple-  
15                   menting such an evidence-based or evidence-in-  
16                   formed program; and

17                   “(C) establish a process that promotes co-  
18                   ordination and collaboration between institu-  
19                   tions of higher education and the respective  
20                   State agencies that administer the Substance  
21                   Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Serv-  
22                   ices Block Grants pursuant to subpart II of  
23                   part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service  
24                   Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–21).

1           “(3) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after  
2       the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the  
3       Secretary shall, in coordination with the Secretary of  
4       Health and Human Services, acting through the As-  
5       sistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance  
6       Use, issue guidance with respect to the criteria de-  
7       scribed in paragraph (2)(A).”; and

8           (4) in subsection (e)—

9           (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
10       “**DRUG ABUSE**” in the heading and inserting  
11       “**SUBSTANCE MISUSE**”;

12           (B) in paragraph (1)—

13               (i) by striking “, and enter into con-  
14       tracts with such institutions, consortia,  
15       and” and “or contracts”;

16               (ii) by striking “other organizations”  
17       and inserting “community-based organiza-  
18       tions that partner with institutions of high-  
19       er education, including with a collegiate re-  
20       covery program of an institution.”;

21               (iii) by striking “programs of preven-  
22       tion, and education (including treatment-  
23       referral) to reduce and eliminate the illegal  
24       use of drugs and alcohol and the violence  
25       associated with such use” and inserting

1                   “evidence-based or evidence-informed pro-  
2                   grams of alcohol and substance misuse  
3                   prevention and education (including pro-  
4                   grams to improve access to treatment, re-  
5                   covery support services, referral for treat-  
6                   ment services, or crisis intervention serv-  
7                   ices) to eliminate illegal substance use, de-  
8                   crease substance misuse, and improve pub-  
9                   lic health and safety”; and

10                   (iv) by striking “alcohol and drug  
11                   abuse” and inserting “substance use dis-  
12                   order”;

13                   (C) by redesignating paragraphs (2)  
14                   through (5) as paragraphs (3) through (6), re-  
15                   spectively;

16                   (D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
17                   following:

18                   “(2) ADDITIONAL USES.—In addition to the ac-  
19                   tivities described in paragraph (1), a grant or con-  
20                   tract awarded under paragraph (1) may be used to  
21                   carry out one or more of the following evidence-  
22                   based or evidence-informed programs or activities:

23                   “(A) Providing programs for recovery sup-  
24                   port services, peer support services, and coun-

1           seling for students with a substance use dis-  
2           order.

3           “(B) Promoting integration and collabora-  
4           tion in campus-based health services between  
5           primary care, substance use disorder services,  
6           and mental health services.

7           “(C) Promoting integrated care services  
8           for students related to screening, diagnosis, pre-  
9           vention, and treatment of mental health and  
10           substance use disorders.

11           “(D) Providing re-entry assistance for stu-  
12           dents on academic probation due to their sub-  
13           stance use disorder.

14           “(E) Preventing fatal and nonfatal  
15           overdoses, including restoring existing mental  
16           health and substance use disorder services after  
17           a natural disaster or public health emergency  
18           declared by the Secretary of Health and  
19           Human Services under section 319 of the Pub-  
20           lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d).

21           “(F) Providing education to students, fac-  
22           ulty, or other personnel on—

23               “(i) recognizing the signs and symp-  
24               toms of substance use disorder and how to  
25               engage and support a person in a crisis;

1                     “(ii) resources available in the com-  
2                     munity, within the institution of higher  
3                     education, and other relevant resources for  
4                     individuals with a substance use disorder;  
5                     and  
6                     “(iii) safely de-escalating crises involv-  
7                     ing individuals with a substance use dis-  
8                     order.”;  
9                     (E) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by  
10                    subparagraph (C), by striking “and contracts”;  
11                    (F) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by  
12                    subparagraph (C), by striking “or contract”;  
13                    (G) in paragraph (5), as redesignated by  
14                    subparagraph (C), by striking “and contracts”  
15                    each place it appears; and  
16                    (H) by amending paragraph (6), as redes-  
17                    gnated by subparagraph (C), to read as fol-  
18                    lows:  
19                     “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
20                     There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
21                     this section \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and  
22                     each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.”.

**1 SEC. 3. PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS.**

2       Section 487(a)(10) of the Higher Education Act of  
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)(10)) is amended to read as fol-  
4 lows:

5           “(10)(A) The institution certifies that it has in  
6 operation an alcohol and substance misuse preven-  
7 tion program in accordance with section 120 that is  
8 determined by the institution to be accessible to any  
9 officer, employee, or student at the institution.

10          “(B) The institution shall be considered in com-  
11 pliance with the requirements of subparagraph (A)  
12 unless there is a showing that the institution know-  
13 ingly and willfully did not implement a prevention  
14 program described in such subparagraph.”.

**15 SEC. 4. REPORT.**

16          The Secretary of Education shall report to the Com-  
17 mittee on Education and Workforce of the House of Rep-  
18 resentatives and the Committee on Health, Education,  
19 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate on the efforts of the  
20 Secretary carried out under the amendments made by this  
21 Act, and best practices from institutions receiving a grant  
22 under section 120(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
23 (20 U.S.C. 1011i(e)), as amended by section 2 of this  
24 Act—

25           (1) not later than one year after the date of en-  
26 actment of this Act; and

### 3 SEC. 5. APPLICABILITY.

4 The amendments made by paragraph (2) of section  
5 2 and the amendments made by section 3 shall apply to  
6 institutions of higher education beginning on the date that  
7 is 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.