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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MITCHELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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).”.