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# H. R. 309

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. JACOBS, Mrs. PELTOLA, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. MENG, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. KEATING, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. TRONE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Mrs. HAYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Opportunity To Ad-  
3 dress College Hunger Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION REGARDING SNAP FOR STUDENTS**  
5 **RECEIVING FEDERAL WORK-STUDY ASSIST-**  
6 **ANCE.**

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

10 “(f) NOTIFICATION REGARDING SNAP.—

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

1           “(2) EVIDENCE OF PARTICIPATION IN FEDER-  
2           ALLY FINANCED WORK-STUDY PROGRAM.—The noti-  
3           fication under paragraph (1) shall include an official  
4           document confirming that the recipient is an eligible  
5           student sufficient for purposes of demonstrating that  
6           the exclusion from ineligibility for participation in  
7           SNAP under section 6(e)(4) of the Food and Nutri-  
8           tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(e)(4)) applies to  
9           the student.

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

17           “(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
18           section:

19                   “(A) The term ‘eligible student’ means a  
20                   student receiving work-study assistance under  
21                   this part.

22                   “(B) The term ‘SNAP’ means the supple-  
23                   mental nutrition assistance program (as defined

1 in section 3(t) of the Food and Nutrition Act  
2 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(t)).”.

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