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To require States to inform children in foster care under the responsibility of the State who have attained 14 years of age of all government programs under which the child may be eligible for financial assistance for expenses related to higher education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2017

Mrs. LAWRENCE (for herself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Ms. BASS, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Ms. MOORE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Fostering Academic
5 Information and Resources Act” or the “FAIR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT STATES PROVIDE FOSTER**
2 **CHILDREN AGED 14 OR OVER WITH INFORMA-**
3 **TION ON GOVERNMENTAL EDUCATION AID**
4 **PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 475(5) of the Social Secu-
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 675(5)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (H)—

8 (A) by inserting “(including the informa-
9 tion described in subparagraph (J))” after
10 “education”; and

11 (B) by striking “and” after the semicolon;

12 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
13 paragraph (I) and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(J) each child in foster care under the re-
16 sponsibility of the State who has attained 14
17 years of age receives, in writing or orally, infor-
18 mation on all government programs under
19 which the child may be eligible for assistance
20 for expenses relating to higher education, in-
21 cluding associated housing expenses, tuition as-
22 sistance programs, and other fees related to
23 cost of attendance.”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
26 subsection (a) shall take effect on the 1st day of the

1 4th calendar quarter beginning on or after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply to pay-
3 ments under part E of title IV of the Social Security
4 Act for calendar quarters beginning on or after such
5 day.

6 (2) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION
7 REQUIRED.—If the Secretary of Health and Human
8 Services determines that State legislation (other
9 than legislation appropriating funds) is required in
10 order for a State plan developed pursuant to part E
11 of title IV of the Social Security Act to meet the ad-
12 ditional requirements imposed by the amendments
13 made by this Act, the plan shall not be regarded as
14 failing to meet any of the additional requirements
15 before the 1st day of the 1st calendar quarter begin-
16 ning after the first regular session of the State legis-
17 lature that begins after the date of the enactment of
18 this Act. For purposes of the preceding sentence, if
19 the State has a 2-year legislative session, each year
20 of the session is deemed to be a separate regular
21 session of the State legislature.

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