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To require the Secretary of Education to establish a program to provide for antisemitism monitors at institutions of higher education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES of New York (for himself and Mr. LAWLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “College Oversight and
5 Legal Updates Mandating Bias Investigations and Ac-
6 countability Act of 2024” or the “COLUMBIA Act of
7 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANTISEMITISM MONITORS.**

2 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education
4 shall establish a program to appoint independent, third-
5 party, antisemitism monitors to monitor institutions of
6 higher education that the Secretary has determined, based
7 on data received from the Office for Civil Rights of the
8 Department of Education, have a high incidence of
9 antisemitic activity and that receive funds under the High-
10 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.). The
11 Secretary shall develop an antisemitism monitorship
12 agreement, to be entered into by an antisemitism monitor
13 and an institution of higher education, that designates the
14 terms and conditions of the monitorship and that requires
15 the institution of higher education to provide for the rea-
16 sonable expenses of the antisemitism monitor.

17 (b) **DUTIES OF ANTISEMITISM MONITOR.**—An anti-
18 semitism monitor appointed to an institution of higher
19 education by the Secretary of Education shall—

20 (1) operate under the antisemitism monitorship
21 agreement developed by the Secretary and entered
22 into with the institution of higher education;

23 (2) provide quarterly reports, which shall be
24 made publicly available and posted on the website of
25 the institution of higher education and the Depart-
26 ment of Education, evaluating the progress that the

1 institution has made toward combating antisemitism
2 on campus; and

3 (3) provide an annual report to Congress, the
4 Secretary of Education, State and local govern-
5 ments, as needed, and the institution of higher edu-
6 cation, that includes recommendations of actions,
7 policies, and sanctions, as appropriate, to prevent
8 and reduce antisemitism at the institution.

9 (c) DEFINITION OF INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-
10 CATION.—In this section, the term “institution of higher
11 education” has the meaning given such term in section
12 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
13 1002).

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