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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require additional information in disclosures of foreign gifts and contracts from foreign sources.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and 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 “Instructing Note-
5 worthy Steps toward Transparency to Rout and Undo Ca-
6 lamitous Transactions Act of 2025” or the “INSTRUCT
7 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY INFORMATION SHARING.**

2 (a) PUBLIC RECORDS AND SHARING OF REPORTS.—

3 Section 117(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 1011f(e)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(e)(1) PUBLIC INSPECTION.—All disclosure reports
6 required by this section shall be public records open to
7 inspection and copying during business hours.

8 “(2) INTERAGENCY INFORMATION SHARING.—Not
9 later than 30 days after receiving a disclosure report from
10 an institution in compliance with this section, the Sec-
11 retary shall transmit an unredacted copy of such report
12 (that includes the name and address of a foreign source
13 disclosed in such report) to the Director of the Federal
14 Bureau of Investigation, the Director of National Intel-
15 ligence, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency,
16 the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the At-
17 torney General, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary
18 of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Energy, the Direc-
19 tor of the National Science Foundation, and the Director
20 of the National Institutes of Health.”.

21 (b) INTERAGENCY INFORMATION SHARING.—Not
22 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
23 the Secretary of Education shall transmit to each indi-
24 vidual listed in section 117(e)(2) of the Higher Education
25 Act of 1965, as amended by this Act—

1 (1) any report received by the Department of
2 Education under section 117 of the Higher Edu-
3 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f) prior to the
4 date of enactment of this Act; and

5 (2) any report, document, or other record gen-
6 erated by the Department of Education in the
7 course of an investigation—

8 (A) of an institution with respect to the
9 compliance of such institution with such sec-
10 tion; and

11 (B) initiated prior to the date of enactment
12 of this Act.

13 (c) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

14 (1) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the
15 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-
16 eral of the United States shall initiate a study to
17 identify ways to improve intergovernmental agency
18 coordination regarding implementation and enforce-
19 ment of sections 117 of the Higher Education Act
20 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f), as amended by this Act,
21 including increasing information sharing, increasing
22 compliance rates, and establishing processes for en-
23 forcement.

24 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-

1 eral of the United States shall submit to Congress,
2 and make public, a report containing the results of
3 the study described in paragraph (1).

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