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Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself and Mr. THANEDAR) 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 “Katie Meyer’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. POLICY RELATING TO ADVISERS FOR CERTAIN STU-**
6 **DENTS.**

7 (a) **ADVISER REQUIREMENT.**—

8 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to be eligible to re-
9 receive funds under an applicable program, an institu-
10 tion of higher education shall adopt a policy relating

1 to the provision of student advisers in accordance
2 with paragraph (2).

3 (2) POLICY REQUIRED.—The policy required
4 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a stu-
6 dent who attends an institution of higher edu-
7 cation and who receives notification of an al-
8 leged violation by such student of the code of
9 conduct of such institution, such institution
10 shall provide such student with the option to be
11 assisted by an adviser in accordance with
12 clauses (ii) and (iii) of subparagraph (D).

13 (B) NOTIFICATION.—The notification de-
14 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall include infor-
15 mation with respect to the option of the student
16 to—

17 (i) select an outside adviser; or

18 (ii) request that the institution of
19 higher education provide an independent
20 adviser.

21 (C) PROVISION OF ADVISER.—An institu-
22 tion may provide an independent adviser to a
23 student through—

24 (i) a confidential respondent services
25 coordinator;

1 (ii) an agreement with a student-
2 based peer support program; and

3 (iii) an agreement with an alumni-
4 based support program.

5 (D) REQUIREMENTS.—An outside adviser
6 selected by a student pursuant to clause (i) of
7 subparagraph (B) or an independent adviser
8 provided to a student pursuant to clause (ii) of
9 such subparagraph, as applicable, shall—

10 (i) be trained by such institution on
11 the adjudication procedures of such insti-
12 tution relating to the alleged violation;

13 (ii) with written permission from the
14 student, receive bi-weekly updates through-
15 out the adjudication process; and

16 (iii) participate in the adjudication
17 process—

18 (I) as an advocate for the stu-
19 dent; or

20 (II) as authorized by applicable
21 State law and title IX of the Edu-
22 cation Amendments of 1972 (20
23 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

24 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

1 (A) APPLICABLE PROGRAM.—The term
2 “applicable program” has the meaning given
3 such term in section 400(c) of the General Edu-
4 cation Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1221(c)).

5 (B) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-
6 CATION.—The term “institution of higher edu-
7 cation” has the meaning given such term in
8 section 101 of the Higher Education Act of
9 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

10 (b) DISCLOSURE OF CAMPUS SECURITY POLICY AND
11 CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS.—Section 485(f)(1)(F) of the
12 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(g)) is
13 amended—

14 (1) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;

15 (2) in clause (iv), by striking the period at the
16 end and inserting “; and”; and

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

18 “(v) incidents of suicide that were re-
19 ported to campus security authorities or
20 local police agencies.”.

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