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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KIM of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Helping Students Plan  
5 for College Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT ON INSTITUTIONAL**  
2 **FINANCIAL AID.**

3 Section 485(a)(1) of the Higher Education Act of  
4 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(a)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, and, in  
6 the case of an institution described in subparagraph  
7 (W), a statement that eligibility for such programs  
8 may be impacted by the receipt of financial assist-  
9 ance not received under this title, including all schol-  
10 arships, grants, loans, or other assistance known to  
11 the institution at the time the determination of the  
12 student’s need is made” after “institution”;

13 (2) in subparagraph (U), by striking “and” at  
14 the end;

15 (3) in subparagraph (V), by striking the period  
16 and inserting “; and”;

17 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18 paragraph:

19 “(W) in the case of an institution that ad-  
20 justs awards of institutional financial aid based  
21 on student receipt of financial assistance not re-  
22 ceived under this title, the institutional policies  
23 on making such adjustments, including scholar-  
24 ships, grants, loans, or other assistance, and  
25 how receipt of such assistance may impact eligi-

1           bility for, and the amount of, institutional fi-  
2           nancial aid awards.”.

3 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY AND REPORT.**

4       (a) **STUDY.**—Not later than 90 days after the date  
5 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall  
6 begin to conduct a study on the relationship between—

7           (1) financial assistance not received under title  
8       IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
9       1070 et seq.), including scholarships, grants, loans,  
10       or other assistance; and

11           (2) eligibility for, and the amount of, institu-  
12       tional financial aid awards to students by institu-  
13       tions of higher education, as defined in section 102  
14       of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1002).

15       (b) **DATA.**—The study conducted under subsection  
16 (a) shall include information on—

17           (1) the demographic characteristics of students  
18       who use private scholarships to pay for college; and

19           (2) policies of institutions of higher education  
20       for accounting for private scholarships when award-  
21       ing financial aid, and how such policies can affect fi-  
22       nancial aid offers.

23       (c) **REPORT.**—At the conclusion of the study con-  
24       ducted in accordance with this section, the Comptroller  
25       General shall submit a report on the results of such study

1 to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House  
2 of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Edu-  
3 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and shall make  
4 such report publicly available. Such report shall include  
5 recommendations, as appropriate, for legislative action to  
6 support the use of financial assistance not received under  
7 title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
8 1070 et seq.), including scholarships, grants, loans, or  
9 other assistance, by students to supplement, and not sup-  
10 plant, institutional financial aid awards.