

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4983
OFFERED BY MS. FOXX OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Trans-
3 parency in Higher Education Act”.

4 SEC. 2. COLLEGE DASHBOARD WEBSITE.

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 132 of the Higher
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “first-
9 time,”;

10 (B) in paragraph (3) in the matter pre-
11 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “first-
12 time,”; and

13 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “first-
14 time,”;

15 (2) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “first-
17 time,”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “first-
2 time”;

3 (3) by striking subsections (c) through (g), (j),
4 and (l);

5 (4) by redesignating subsections (h), (i), and
6 (k) as subsections (c), (d), and (e), respectively; and

7 (5) by striking subsection (d) (as so redesign-
8 ated) and inserting the following new subsection:

9 “(d) CONSUMER INFORMATION.—

10 “(1) AVAILABILITY OF TITLE IV INSTITUTION
11 INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall develop and
12 make publicly available a website to be known as the
13 ‘College Dashboard website’ in accordance with this
14 section and prominently display on such website, in
15 simple, understandable, and unbiased terms for the
16 most recent academic year for which satisfactory
17 data are available, the following information with re-
18 spect to each institution of higher education that
19 participates in a program under title IV:

20 “(A) A link to the website of the institu-
21 tion.

22 “(B) An identification of the type of insti-
23 tution as one of the following:

24 “(i) A four-year public institution of
25 higher education.

1 “(ii) A four-year private, nonprofit in-
2 stitution of higher education.

3 “(iii) A four-year private, for-profit
4 institution of higher education.

5 “(iv) A two-year public institution of
6 higher education.

7 “(v) A two-year private, nonprofit in-
8 stitution of higher education.

9 “(vi) A two-year private, for-profit in-
10 stitution of higher education.

11 “(vii) A less than two-year public in-
12 stitution of higher education.

13 “(viii) A less than two-year private,
14 nonprofit institution of higher education.

15 “(ix) A less than two-year private,
16 for-profit institution of higher education.

17 “(C) The number of students enrolled at
18 the institution—

19 “(i) as undergraduate students; and

20 “(ii) as graduate students, if applica-
21 ble.

22 “(D) The student-faculty ratio.

23 “(E) The percentage of degree-seeking or
24 certificate-seeking undergraduate students en-

1 rolled at the institution who obtain a degree or
2 certificate within—

3 “(i) 100 percent of the normal time
4 for completion of, or graduation from, the
5 program in which the student is enrolled;

6 “(ii) 150 percent of the normal time
7 for completion of, or graduation from, the
8 program in which the student is enrolled;
9 and

10 “(iii) 200 percent of the normal time
11 for completion of, or graduation from, the
12 program in which the student is enrolled.

13 “(F) The average net price per year for
14 undergraduate students and a link to the net
15 price calculator for such institution.

16 “(G) The average Federal student loan
17 debt incurred by an undergraduate student who
18 has obtained a certificate or degree from the in-
19 stitution and who borrowed Federal student
20 loans in the course of obtaining such certificate
21 or degree.

22 “(H) A link to national and regional data
23 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on starting
24 salaries in all major occupations.

1 “(I) A link to the webpage of the institu-
2 tion containing campus safety data with respect
3 to such institution.

4 “(2) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The Sec-
5 retary shall publish on Internet webpages that are
6 linked to through the College Dashboard website for
7 the most recent academic year for which satisfactory
8 data is available the following information with re-
9 spect to each institution of higher education that
10 participates in a program under title IV:

11 “(A) ENROLLMENT.—

12 “(i) The percentages of male and fe-
13 male undergraduate students enrolled at
14 the institution.

15 “(ii) The percentages of under-
16 graduate students enrolled at the institu-
17 tion—

18 “(I) full-time; and

19 “(II) less than full-time.

20 “(iii) Of the undergraduate students
21 enrolled at the institution—

22 “(I) the percentage of such stu-
23 dents who are from the State in which
24 the institution is located;

1 “(II) the percentage of such stu-
2 dents who are from other States; and

3 “(III) the percentage of such stu-
4 dents who are international students.

5 “(iv) The percentages of students en-
6 rolled at the institution, disaggregated
7 by—

8 “(I) race and ethnic background;

9 “(II) classification as a student
10 with a disability;

11 “(III) recipients of a Federal Pell
12 Grant;

13 “(IV) recipients of veterans’ edu-
14 cation benefits (as defined in section
15 480); and

16 “(V) recipients of a Federal stu-
17 dent loan.

18 “(B) COMPLETION.—The information re-
19 quired under paragraph (1)(E), disaggregated
20 by—

21 “(i) recipients of a Federal Pell
22 Grant;

23 “(ii) recipients of a loan made under
24 part D (other than a Federal Direct Un-

1 subsidized Stafford Loan) who did not re-
2 ceive a Federal Pell Grant;

3 “(iii) persons who did not receive a
4 Federal Pell Grant or a loan made under
5 part D (other than a Federal Direct Un-
6 subsidized Stafford Loan);

7 “(iv) race and ethnic background; and

8 “(v) classification as a student with a
9 disability.

10 “(C) COSTS.—

11 “(i) The cost of attendance for full-
12 time undergraduate students enrolled in
13 the institution who live on campus.

14 “(ii) The cost of attendance for full-
15 time undergraduate students enrolled in
16 the institution who live off campus.

17 “(iii) The cost of tuition and fees for
18 full-time undergraduate students enrolled
19 in the institution.

20 “(iv) The cost of tuition and fees per
21 credit hour or credit hour equivalency for
22 undergraduate students enrolled in the in-
23 stitution less than full time.

24 “(v) In the case of a public institution
25 of higher education and notwithstanding

1 subsection (b)(1), the costs described in
2 clauses (i) and (ii) for—

3 “(I) full-time students enrolled in
4 the institution who are residents of
5 the State in which the institution is
6 located; and

7 “(II) full-time students enrolled
8 in the institution who are not resi-
9 dents of such State.

10 “(vi) The net price for students re-
11 ceiving Federal student financial aid under
12 title IV, disaggregated by the following in-
13 come categories for such students:

14 “(I) \$0 to \$30,000.

15 “(II) \$30,001 to \$48,000.

16 “(III) \$48,001 to \$75,000.

17 “(IV) \$75,001 to \$110,000.

18 “(V) Over \$110,000.

19 “(D) FINANCIAL AID.—

20 “(i) The average annual grant amount
21 (including Federal, State, and institutional
22 aid) awarded to an undergraduate student
23 enrolled at the institution who receives fi-
24 nancial aid.

1 “(ii) The percentage of undergraduate
2 students enrolled at the institution receiv-
3 ing Federal, State, and institutional
4 grants, student loans, and any other type
5 of student financial assistance known by
6 the institution, provided publicly or
7 through the institution, such as Federal
8 work-study funds.

9 “(iii) The cohort default rate (as de-
10 fined in section 435(m)) for such institu-
11 tion.

12 “(E) FACULTY INFORMATION.—

13 “(i) The ratio of the number of course
14 sections taught by part-time instructors to
15 the number of course sections taught by
16 full-time faculty, disaggregated by course
17 sections intended primarily for under-
18 graduate students and course sections in-
19 tended primarily for graduate students.

20 “(ii) The mean and median years of
21 employment for part-time instructors.

22 “(3) OTHER DATA MATTERS.—

23 “(A) COMPLETION DATA.—The Commis-
24 sioner of Education Statistics shall ensure that
25 the information required under paragraph

1 (1)(E) includes information with respect to all
2 students at an institution, including students
3 other than first-time, full-time students, in a
4 manner that the Commissioner considers appro-
5 priate.

6 “(B) ADJUSTMENT OF INCOME CAT-
7 EGORIES.—The Secretary may annually adjust
8 the range of each of the income categories de-
9 scribed in paragraph (2)(C)(vi) to account for a
10 change in the Consumer Price Index for All
11 Urban Consumers as determined by the Bureau
12 of Labor Statistics if the Secretary determines
13 an adjustment is necessary.

14 “(4) INSTITUTIONAL COMPARISON.—The Sec-
15 retary shall include on the College Dashboard
16 website a method for users to easily compare the in-
17 formation required under paragraphs (1) and (2) be-
18 tween institutions.

19 “(5) UPDATES.—

20 “(A) DATA.—The Secretary shall update
21 the College Dashboard website not less than an-
22 nually.

23 “(B) TECHNOLOGY AND FORMAT.—The
24 Secretary shall regularly assess the format and
25 technology of the College Dashboard website

1 and make any changes or updates that the Sec-
2 retary considers appropriate.

3 “(6) CONSUMER TESTING.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In developing and
5 maintaining the College Dashboard website, the
6 Secretary, in consultation with appropriate de-
7 partments and agencies of the Federal Govern-
8 ment, shall conduct consumer testing with ap-
9 propriate persons, including current and pro-
10 spective college students, family members of
11 such students, institutions of higher education,
12 and experts, to ensure that the College Dash-
13 board website is usable and easily understand-
14 able and provides useful and relevant informa-
15 tion to students and families.

16 “(B) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
17 CHANGES.—The Secretary shall submit to the
18 authorizing committees any recommendations
19 that the Secretary considers appropriate for
20 changing the information required to be pro-
21 vided on the College Dashboard website under
22 paragraphs (1) and (2) based on the results of
23 the consumer testing conducted under subpara-
24 graph (A).

1 “(7) PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE LINKS TO
2 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AFTER SUBMISSION OF
3 FAFSA.—The Secretary shall provide to each stu-
4 dent that submits a Free Application for Federal
5 Student Aid described in section 483 a link to the
6 webpage of the College Dashboard website that con-
7 tains the information required under paragraph (1)
8 for each institution of higher education such student
9 includes on such Application.

10 “(8) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—The Sec-
11 retary, in consultation with each appropriate head of
12 a department or agency of the Federal Government,
13 shall ensure to the greatest extent practicable that
14 any information related to higher education that is
15 published by such department or agency is con-
16 sistent with the information published on the College
17 Dashboard website.

18 “(9) REFERENCES TO COLLEGE NAVIGATOR
19 WEBSITE.—Any reference in this Act to the College
20 Navigator website shall be considered a reference to
21 the College Dashboard website.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Higher Edu-
23 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), as amended
24 by subsection (a) of this section, is further amended—

1 (1) in section 131(h) (20 U.S.C. 1015(h)), by
2 striking “College Navigator” and inserting “College
3 Dashboard”; and

4 (2) in section 132(a) (20 U.S.C. 1015a(a)), by
5 striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following
6 new paragraph:

7 “(1) COLLEGE DASHBOARD WEBSITE.—The
8 term ‘College Dashboard website’ means the College
9 Dashboard website required under subsection (d).”.

10 (c) DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary of Education
11 shall develop and publish the College Dashboard website
12 required under section 132 of the Higher Education Act
13 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a), as amended by subsections
14 (a) and (b) of this section, not later than one year after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (d) COLLEGE NAVIGATOR WEBSITE MAINTENANCE.—The Secretary shall maintain the College Navi-
17 gator website required under section 132 of the Higher
18 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a), as in effect
19 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, in
20 the manner required under the Higher Education Act of
21 1965, as in effect on such day, until the College Dash-
22 board website referred to in subsection (c) is complete and
23 publicly available on the Internet.
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1 **SEC. 3. NET PRICE CALCULATORS.**

2 Subsection (c) of section 132 of the Higher Edu-
3 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a), as redesignated
4 by section 2(a)(4) of this Act, is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
6 graph (6); and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
8 lowing new paragraphs:

9 “(4) **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NET PRICE**
10 **CALCULATORS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date
11 of the enactment of the Strengthening Transparency
12 in Higher Education Act, a net price calculator for
13 an institution of higher education shall meet the fol-
14 lowing requirements:

15 “(A) The link for the calculator shall—

16 “(i) be clearly labeled as a net price
17 calculator and prominently, clearly, and
18 conspicuously posted in locations on the
19 website of such institution where informa-
20 tion on costs and aid is provided and any
21 other location that the institution considers
22 appropriate; and

23 “(ii) match in size and font to the
24 other prominent links on the webpage
25 where the link for the calculator is dis-
26 played.

1 “(B) The webpage displaying the results
2 for the calculator shall specify at least the fol-
3 lowing information:

4 “(i) The net price (as calculated
5 under subsection (a)(2)) for such institu-
6 tion, which shall be the most visually
7 prominent figure on the results screen.

8 “(ii) Cost of attendance, including—

9 “(I) tuition and fees;

10 “(II) average annual cost of
11 room and board for the institution for
12 a full-time undergraduate student en-
13 rolled in the institution;

14 “(III) average annual cost of
15 books and supplies for a full-time un-
16 dergraduate student enrolled in the
17 institution; and

18 “(IV) estimated cost of other ex-
19 penses (including personal expenses
20 and transportation) for a full-time un-
21 dergraduate student enrolled in the
22 institution.

23 “(iii) Estimated total need-based
24 grant aid and merit-based grant aid from
25 Federal, State, and institutional sources

1 that may be available to a full-time under-
2 graduate student.

3 “(iv) Percentage of the full-time un-
4 dergraduate students enrolled in the insti-
5 tution that received any type of grant aid
6 described in clause (iii).

7 “(v) The disclaimer described in para-
8 graph (6).

9 “(vi) In the case of a calculator
10 that—

11 “(I) includes questions to esti-
12 mate the eligibility of a student or
13 prospective student for veterans’ edu-
14 cation benefits (as defined in section
15 480) or educational benefits for active
16 duty service members, such benefits
17 are displayed on the results screen in
18 a manner that clearly distinguishes
19 such benefits from the grant aid de-
20 scribed in clause (iii); or

21 “(II) does not include questions
22 to estimate eligibility for the benefits
23 described in subclause (I), the results
24 screen indicates that certain students
25 (or prospective students) may qualify

1 for such benefits and includes a link
2 to information about such benefits.

3 “(C) The institution shall populate the cal-
4 culator with data from not later than 2 aca-
5 demic years prior to the most recent academic
6 year.

7 “(5) PROHIBITION ON USE OF DATA COL-
8 LECTED BY THE NET PRICE CALCULATOR.—A net
9 price calculator for an institution of higher edu-
10 cation shall—

11 “(A) clearly indicate which questions are
12 required to be completed for an estimate of the
13 net price from the calculator;

14 “(B) in the case of a calculator that re-
15 quests contact information from users, clearly
16 mark such requests as optional and provide for
17 an estimate of the net price from the calculator
18 without requiring users to enter such informa-
19 tion; and

20 “(C) prohibit any personally identifiable in-
21 formation provided by users from being sold or
22 made available to third parties.”.

23 **SEC. 4. FUNDING.**

24 (a) USE OF EXISTING FUNDS.—Of the amount au-
25 thorized to be appropriated to the Department of Edu-

1 cation to maintain the College Navigator website,
2 \$1,000,000 shall be available to carry out this Act and
3 the amendments made by this Act.

4 (b) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No
5 funds are authorized by this Act to be appropriated to
6 carry out this Act or the amendments made by this Act.

