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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. TRAHAN 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 “Clean Data in Higher  
5 Education Act of 2019”.

1 **SECTION 2. UNIVERSAL UNIQUE NUMERIC DATA IDENTIFI-**  
2 **FIER.**

3 (a) ASSIGNMENT OF UNIQUE NUMERIC IDENTIFIER  
4 REQUIRED.—Not later than 18 months after the date of  
5 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education  
6 shall assign a unique numeric identifier to at least each  
7 campus of each institution of higher education that par-  
8 ticipates in a program under title IV of the Higher Edu-  
9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) to be used  
10 for reporting and disaggregating data for the purposes of  
11 the following:

12 (1) Surveys conducted as a part of the Inte-  
13 grated Postsecondary Education Data System  
14 (IPEDS) or any other Federal postsecondary insti-  
15 tution data collection effort, as completed in accord-  
16 ance with section 487(a)(17) of the Higher Edu-  
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)(17)).

18 (2) Reports required to be filed under section  
19 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
20 U.S.C. 1092(f)).

21 (3) The electronic exchange of data under sec-  
22 tion 485B of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
23 U.S.C. 1092b).

24 (4) Determinations under section 496 of the  
25 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099b).

1           (5) Reports filed on the College Navigator  
2 website (as defined in section 132 of the Higher  
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a)).

4           (6) Reports filed on the College Scorecard  
5 website of the Department of Education (or any suc-  
6 cessor website).

7           (7) To the extent determined to be appropriate  
8 by the Secretary, any other data systems of the De-  
9 partment of Education that include information on  
10 institutions of higher education.

11          (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out subsection  
12 (a), the Secretary of Education shall—

13           (1) consider the ability to use the unique nu-  
14 meric identifier assigned under such subsection to—

15                   (A) disaggregate institutions of higher edu-  
16 cation by corporate ownership;

17                   (B) identify an institution of higher edu-  
18 cation with more than one campus; and

19                   (C) in the case of institutions of higher  
20 education described in subparagraph (B), dis-  
21 tinguish between a campus with a specific loca-  
22 tion and a distance education program;

23           (2) account for interactions of the unique nu-  
24 meric identifier with requirements under title IV of  
25 the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.),

1 including by preventing institutional attempts to  
2 evade such requirements by changing the unique nu-  
3 meric identifiers associated with the campuses of the  
4 institution;

5 (3) to the extent practicable, minimize the pa-  
6 perwork burden on institutions of higher education;

7 (4) create and make public a crosswalk indi-  
8 cating changes in the unique numeric identifiers as-  
9 signed by the Secretary to each campus under sub-  
10 section (a) and the numeric identifiers used by the  
11 Department of Education prior to the date on which  
12 the Secretary assigns each campus a unique numeric  
13 identifier; and

14 (5) annually create and make public an updated  
15 crosswalk indicating changes in unique numeric  
16 identifiers assigned to campuses, including changes  
17 that result from the establishment of new locations,  
18 the closing of campuses, and changes in ownership  
19 and affiliation.