AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE то Н.К. 6498

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
2	This Act may be cited as the "Student Financial
3	Clarity Act of 2025".
4	SEC. 2. TRANSPARENCY IN COLLEGE TUITION FOR CON-
5	SUMERS.
6	(a) Amendment.—Section 132 of the Higher Edu-
7	cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a) is amended—
8	(1) by striking subsections (a) through (j) and
9	inserting the following:
10	"(a) Definitions.—In this section:
11	"(1) College scorecard website.—The
12	term 'College Scorecard website' means the College
13	Scorecard website required under subsection (b) and
14	includes any successor website.
15	"(2) Cost of attendance.—The term 'cost of
16	attendance' has the meaning given such term in sec-
17	tion 472(a).

1	"(3) Required costs.—The term 'required
2	costs' means the sum of all the items listed in sec-
3	tion 472(a) that are required by an institution of
4	higher education for a program of study for the pro-
5	gram length of a program of study, for the time to
6	credential for a student, or for an award year of a
7	program of study, as applicable, including—
8	"(A) the tuition and fees normally assessed
9	a student enrolled in such program of study
10	carrying the same academic workload, as deter-
11	mined by the institution; and
12	"(B) in a case in which the institution re-
13	quires a student to reside in institutionally
14	owned or operated housing or to use institution-
15	ally owned or operated food services, the appli-
16	cable standard allowance for such housing or
17	food services determined by the institution in
18	accordance with section 472(a)(5).
19	"(4) Amount of grant and scholarship
20	AID.—The term 'amount of grant and scholarship
21	aid' means the sum of all of the grant and scholar-
22	ship aid that is available to the student for the pro-
23	gram length of a program of study, for the time to
24	credential for a student, or for an award year of a
25	program of study, as applicable, that a student does

1	not have to repay, including need-based, merit-
2	based, or athletic-based, or another type of grant
3	and scholarship aid, that is—
4	"(A) offered under title IV;
5	"(B) offered through other Federal pro-
6	grams;
7	"(C) offered by the institution;
8	"(D) offered by a State; or
9	"(E) offered by any other source.
10	"(5) Net price required for comple-
11	TION.—
12	"(A) NET PRICE DETERMINATIONS.—
13	"(i) Total net price required for
14	COMPLETION.—The term 'total net price
15	required for completion' means, with re-
16	spect to a student in a program of study—
17	"(I) the required costs charged to
18	such student for the program of study
19	for the time to credential; minus
20	"(II) the amount of grant and
21	scholarship aid that is available to the
22	student for such program for the time
23	to credential.
24	"(ii) Annual net price required
25	FOR COMPLETION.—The term 'annual net

1	price required for completion' means, with
2	respect to a student in a program of
3	study—
4	"(I) the required costs charged to
5	such student for the program of study
6	for an award year; minus
7	"(II) the amount of grant and
8	scholarship aid that is available to the
9	student for such program for such
10	award year.
11	"(6) Net price of attendance.—
12	"(A) TOTAL NET PRICE OF ATTEND-
13	ANCE.—The term 'total net price of attendance'
14	means, with respect to a student in a program
15	of study, the sum of—
16	"(i) the total net price required for
17	completion; and
18	"(ii) the sum, for the time to creden-
19	tial, of all the costs listed in section 472(a)
20	that are not required costs.
21	"(B) Annual net price of attend-
22	ANCE.—The term 'annual net price of attend-
23	ance' means, with respect to a student in a pro-
24	gram of study, the net price of attendance for
25	a specific year of the program of study, deter-

1	mined by disaggregating the total net price of
2	attendance for the student by each year of the
3	student's time to credential.
4	"(7) Program Length.—The term 'program
5	length' means the minimum amount of time in
6	weeks, months, or years that is specified in the cata-
7	log, marketing materials, or other official publica-
8	tions of an institution of higher education for a full-
9	time student to complete the requirements to obtain
10	the degree or credential awarded for a specific pro-
11	gram of study.
12	"(8) Time to credential.—The term 'time to
13	credential' means, with respect to a student, the ac-
14	tual amount of time in weeks, months, or years it
15	takes the student to complete the requirements to
16	obtain the degree or credential awarded for a spe-
17	cific program of study.
18	"(b) Consumer Information.—
19	"(1) Availability of information for
20	TITLE IV INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS.—Not later
21	than 18 months after the effective date of this sub-
22	section, the Secretary shall make publicly available
23	on the College Scorecard website the following infor-
24	mation with respect to students of the institution
25	who have received Federal financial assistance de-

1	scribed in paragraph $(2)(I)$, for the most recent
2	award year for which such information is available
3	"(A) Institutions.—With respect to each
4	institution of higher education that participates
5	in a program under title IV, the following:
6	"(i) A link to the website of the insti-
7	tution.
8	"(ii) A link to the Universal Net Price
9	calculator described in subsection (c) and
10	if applicable, a link to any net price calcu-
11	lator developed by the institution in ac-
12	cordance with paragraph (7) of such sub-
13	section.
14	"(iii) Information on the type of insti-
15	tution, including predominant and highest
16	credential awarded, research intensity, and
17	programs of study offered.
18	"(iv) In the case of an institution that
19	requires scores for a college entrance ex-
20	amination (such as the SAT or ACT) to be
21	submitted, data on such submitted scores.
22	"(v) The acceptance rate, determined
23	by calculating the percentage of individuals
24	who submitted a completed application to

1	the institution who were accepted for en-
2	rollment.
3	"(vi) The institution's cohort default
4	rate, as defined under section 435(m).
5	"(vii) A link to the website of the in-
6	stitution containing the information on
7	campus safety required to be collected
8	under section 485(i).
9	"(B) Institutions and programs of
10	STUDY.—With respect to each such institution
11	and to each program of study at each such in-
12	stitution, the following:
13	"(i) The geographic location.
14	"(ii) Information on student enroll-
15	ment, including the number and percent-
16	age of students enrolled full-time, less than
17	full-time, and enrolled in distance edu-
18	cation.
19	"(iii) Information on the number of
20	degree- or certificate-seeking under-
21	graduate students who have transferred
22	from another institution.
23	"(iv) Information on student progres-
24	sion and completion, including time to cre-

1	dential and rates of withdrawal, retention,
2	transfer, or completion.
3	"(v) Information on college costs and
4	financial aid, including—
5	"(I) the average, median, min-
6	imum, and maximum values of—
7	"(aa) the required costs for
8	such award year (determined for
9	an institution based on the re-
10	quired costs for all programs of
11	study);
12	"(bb) the cost of attendance
13	for such award year (determined
14	for an institution based on the
15	cost of attendance for all pro-
16	grams of study);
17	"(cc) the amount of grant
18	and scholarship aid received by
19	students for such award year (de-
20	termined for an institution based
21	on the amount of grant and
22	scholarship aid received by stu-
23	dents for all programs of study);

1	"(dd) the information de-
2	scribed in item (cc) and sub-
3	clause (II)(cc), disaggregated—
4	"(AA) by the type of
5	source described in clauses
6	(i) through (v) of subsection
7	(a)(5)(C); and
8	"(BB) by whether such
9	aid is need-based, merit-
10	based, or athletic-based, or
11	is another type of aid; and
12	"(II) with respect to students
13	who completed a credential during the
14	most recent award year, the average,
15	median, minimum, and maximum val-
16	ues of—
17	"(aa) the program length
18	(determined for an institution
19	based on the program length for
20	all programs of study);
21	"(bb) the time to credential
22	(determined for an institution
23	based on the time to credential
24	for all programs of study);

1	"(cc) the amount of grant
2	and scholarship aid received for
3	the time to credential (deter-
4	mined for an institution based on
5	the amount of grant and scholar-
6	ship aid received by students for
7	all programs of study);
8	"(dd) the total net price re-
9	quired for completion (deter-
10	mined for an institution based on
11	the total net price required for
12	completion for all programs of
13	study); and
14	"(ee) the total net price re-
15	quired for attendance (deter-
16	mined for an institution based on
17	the total net price required for
18	attendance for all programs of
19	study);
20	"(III) the number and percent-
21	age of students receiving any amount
22	of grant and scholarship aid for such
23	award year, and with respect to stu-
24	dents who completed a credential dur-
25	ing the most recent award year, the

1	number and percentage of such stu-
2	dents receiving any amount of grant
3	and scholarship aid for the time to
4	credential;
5	"(IV) the average annual per-
6	centage change and average annual
7	dollar change in the required costs for
8	each of the three most recent aca-
9	demic years for which data are avail-
10	able; and
11	"(V) the average annual percent-
12	age change and average annual dollar
13	change in the total and annual net
14	price required for completion for each
15	of the three most recent academic
16	years for which data are available.
17	"(vi) Information on student debt and
18	repayment, including—
19	"(I) the average, median, min-
20	imum, and maximum amounts bor-
21	rowed by students under title IV;
22	"(II) information with respect to
23	repayment of loans made under title
24	IV, including borrower-based repay-
25	ment rates, dollar-based repayment

1	rates, and time spent in repayment;
2	and
3	"(III) the number and percent-
4	age of students who—
5	"(aa) are borrowers of a
6	loan made under title IV;
7	"(bb) are not borrowers of a
8	loan made under title IV, but
9	have at least one parent who is a
10	borrower of a loan made under
11	title IV on behalf of the student;
12	and
13	"(cc) are borrowers of a loan
14	made under title IV, and have at
15	least one parent who is a bor-
16	rower of a loan made under title
17	IV on behalf of the student.
18	"(vii) Information on the earnings of
19	students, including the average, median,
20	minimum, and maximum values of—
21	"(I) with respect to students who
22	complete a program of study in the
23	most recent award year for which
24	data are available—

1	"(aa) the annual earnings of
2	such students; and
3	"(bb) the value-added earn-
4	ings (as defined in section
5	481(b)(3)(A)(iv) of such stu-
6	dents; and
7	"(II) the annual earnings of stu-
8	dents who were enrolled in a program
9	of study at the institution during the
10	most recent award year for which
11	data are available, and who at the
12	time the information is reported—
13	"(aa) have not completed
14	such program of study; and
15	"(bb) are not enrolled at the
16	institution in any program of
17	study.
18	"(C) Programs of Study.—With respect
19	to each program of study at each such institu-
20	tion, the credential awarded for completion of
21	the program of study.
22	"(2) DISAGGREGATED INFORMATION.—The
23	Secretary shall ensure the information described in
24	paragraph (1) is disaggregated, as applicable, by the
25	following student characteristics:

1	"(A) Financial circumstances including—
2	"(i) household income categories, as
3	determined by students' and families' ad-
4	justed gross income; and
5	"(ii) student aid index categories, as
6	determined by the Secretary.
7	"(B) Sex.
8	"(C) Race and ethnicity.
9	"(D) Classification as a student with a dis-
10	ability.
11	"(E) Enrollment status, including part-
12	time or full-time enrollment, and status as a
13	distance education student.
14	"(F) Status as a first year, second year,
15	third year, or subsequent year student, based
16	on the number of years a student has been en-
17	rolled at the institution or in the program of
18	study, as applicable.
19	"(G) Status as an in-district, in-State, or
20	out-of-State student.
21	"(H) Status as an international student.
22	"(I) The type of Federal financial assist-
23	ance received, including—
24	"(i) a Pell Grant;
25	"(ii) a loan made under title IV; and

1	"(iii) assistance described in section
2	131(f)(4) administered, sponsored, or sup-
3	ported by the Department of Defense or
4	the Department of Veterans Affairs.
5	"(J) Status as a participant in a program
6	described in section 116(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the
7	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
8	U.S.C. 3141(b)(3)(A)(ii)).
9	"(3) Comparisons; access; privacy.—The
10	Secretary shall ensure that the College Scorecard
11	website—
12	"(A) includes a method for users to easily
13	compare institutions and programs, including in
14	a manner that allows for such comparison
15	based on—
16	"(i) the institutional and program in-
17	formation described in paragraph (1); and
18	"(ii) the student characteristics de-
19	scribed in paragraph (2);
20	"(B) provides access to information in an
21	electronic and downloadable format; and
22	"(C) complies with applicable Federal pri-
23	vacy statutes and uses appropriate statistical
24	disclosure limitation techniques necessary to en-
25	sure that the data released to the public cannot

1	be used to identify specific individuals, includ-
2	ing with respect to disaggregated information
3	under paragraph (2).
4	"(4) Annual updates; adjustments.—
5	"(A) Annual data.—The Secretary shall
6	annually update the data on the College Score-
7	card website required under this subsection.
8	"(B) Adjustments.—The Secretary may
9	adjust the data required under subclauses (IV)
10	and (V) of paragraph (1)(B)(v) using the Con-
11	sumer Price Index if the Secretary determines
12	such adjustment is necessary.
13	"(5) Data collection.—The Commissioner
14	for Education Statistics shall continue to update and
15	improve the Integrated Postsecondary Education
16	Data System (referred to in this section as
17	'IPEDS'), including the reporting of information by
18	institutions and the timeliness of the data collected.
19	"(c) Universal Net Price Calculator.—
20	"(1) Establishment.—Not later than 18
21	months after the effective date of this subsection,
22	the Secretary shall establish, on a dedicated website
23	of the Department, a Universal Net Price Calculator
24	that—

1	"(A) allows an individual to select one or
2	more institutions of higher education and one
3	or more programs of study offered by each se-
4	lected institution for which estimates shall be
5	calculated;
6	"(B) makes available to the individual,
7	with respect to each selected institution and
8	each selected program of study, the individ-
9	ual's—
10	"(i) annual estimated net price re-
11	quired for completion for each year of ex-
12	pected enrollment based on the program
13	length of a program of study, based on the
14	average annual net price required for com-
15	pletion for similarly situated students
16	(based on the individual's information de-
17	scribed in subparagraph (C)(iv)) for such
18	institution or program for the most recent
19	award year, adjusted in accordance with
20	clauses (i) through (iii) of subparagraph
21	(C);
22	"(ii) total estimated net price required
23	for completion equal to the sum of the an-
24	nual estimated net price required for com-

1	pletion for each year described in clause
2	(i);
3	"(iii) annual estimated net price of at-
4	tendance for each year of expected enroll-
5	ment based on the program length of a
6	program of study, based on the average
7	annual net price of attendance for similarly
8	situated students (based on the individual's
9	information described in subparagraph
10	(C)(iv)) for such institution or program for
11	the most recent award year, adjusted in
12	accordance with clauses (i) through (iii) of
13	subparagraph (C); and
14	"(iv) total estimated net price of at-
15	tendance equal to the sum of the annual
16	estimated net price of attendance for each
17	year described in clause (iii); and
18	"(C) with respect to calculating net price
19	estimates as required by subparagraph (B)—
20	"(i) determines an estimated annual
21	percentage change for each year for which
22	a net price calculation is made, based on
23	the annual percentage change in an insti-
24	tution's or program's required costs and
25	other costs under section 472(a), as appli-

1	cable, for the most recent three-year period
2	for which such data are reported;
3	"(ii) provides the individual with the
4	option to replace the estimated annual per-
5	centage change described in clause (i) with
6	an alternative annual percentage change
7	specified by the individual;
8	"(iii) in the case of an institution that
9	offers a multi-year tuition or net price
10	guarantee program, allow the individual to
11	have net price estimates calculated based
12	on the provisions of such guarantee pro-
13	gram; and
14	"(iv) uses the individual's information,
15	based on—
16	"(I) the single set of questions
17	developed by the Secretary in accord-
18	ance with paragraph (5);
19	"(II) the student-level data ele-
20	ments reported by institutions in ac-
21	cordance with section 668.408 of title
22	34, Code of Federal Regulations (or
23	successor regulations);
24	"(III) in the case of an individual
25	who submits a Free Application for

1	Federal Student Aid described in sec-
2	tion 483, the contents of such applica-
3	tion; and
4	"(IV) any additional information
5	provided by the individual with re-
6	spect to the individual's grant and
7	scholarship aid;
8	"(D) includes a method for users to easily
9	compare institutions and programs; and
10	"(E) provides access to information in an
11	electronic and downloadable format.
12	"(5) Development of input questions.—
13	The Secretary shall develop a single set of questions
14	for purposes of capturing the information specified
15	in subsection $(b)(2)$.
16	"(6) Updates.—
17	"(A) Data.—The Secretary shall update
18	the data on the Universal Net Price Calculator
19	Website, as required under this subsection, not
20	less than annually.
21	"(B) TECHNOLOGY AND FORMAT.—The
22	Secretary shall regularly assess the format and
23	technology of the Universal Net Price Calcu-
24	lator website and make any changes or updates
25	that the Secretary considers appropriate.

1	"(7) Integration with other federal fi-
2	NANCIAL AID RESOURCES.—In accordance with sub-
3	section (d)(5) of section 483, the Secretary shall en-
4	sure that a website link or other means of accessing
5	the Universal Net Price Calculator is included on
6	the FAFSA website (or similar successor website).
7	"(8) Interagency coordination.—The Sec-
8	retary, in consultation with each appropriate head of
9	a department or agency of the Federal Government,
10	shall ensure, to the greatest extent practicable, that
11	any information related to higher education that is
12	published by such department or agency is con-
13	sistent with the information published on the Uni-
14	versal Net Price Calculator website.
15	"(9) Consumer testing.—In developing and
16	maintaining the College Scorecard website and the
17	Universal Net Price Calculator website, the Sec-
18	retary, in consultation with each appropriate head of
19	each appropriate department and agency of the Fed-
20	eral Government shall—
21	"(A) not later than 6 months after the
22	date of the effective date of this subsection, and
23	not less than once every 4 years thereafter, con-
24	duct consumer testing with appropriate persons,
25	including current and prospective college stu-

1	dents, family members of such students, institu-
2	tions of higher education, and experts, to—
3	"(i) improve the usefulness and rel-
4	evance of the College Scorecard website,
5	with respect to the presentation of the con-
6	sumer information collected subsection (b);
7	and
8	"(ii) ensure that the Universal Net
9	Price Calculator website is usable and eas-
10	ily understandable and provides useful and
11	relevant information to students and fami-
12	lies; and
13	"(B) display prominently on such websites
14	in simple, understandable, and unbiased terms
15	for the most recent academic year for which
16	satisfactory data is available, the categories of
17	information described in paragraphs (1) and (2)
18	of subsection (b) and paragraph (1)(B) of this
19	subsection that were determined to be useful
20	and relevant to students and families based on
21	the consumer testing described in subparagraph
22	(A).
23	"(10) Use of net price calculator by in-
24	STITUTIONS.—Not later than two years after the
25	date on which the Secretary makes the calculator de-

1	veloped under paragraph (1) available to institutions
2	of higher education, each institution of higher edu-
3	cation that receives Federal funds under title IV
4	shall make publicly available on the institution's
5	website a net price calculator to provide to current
6	and prospective students, families, and other con-
7	sumers a student's individual net price estimates at
8	such institution of higher education. Such calculator
9	may be a net price calculator developed—
10	"(A) by the Department pursuant to para-
11	graph (1); or
12	"(B) by the institution of higher education,
13	if the institution's calculator includes, at a min-
14	imum, the same data elements included in the
15	calculator developed under paragraph (1).
16	"(11) Notice.—A net price estimate calculated
17	for an individual using the Universal Net Price Cal-
18	culator under this subsection shall be accompanied
19	by a clear and conspicuous notice—
20	"(A) stating that the estimate—
21	"(i) does not represent a final deter-
22	mination, or actual award, of financial as-
23	sistance;

1	"(ii) shall not be binding on the Sec-
2	retary, an institution of higher education,
3	or a State; and
4	"(iii) may change;
5	"(B) stating that an individual must com-
6	plete the Free Application for Federal Student
7	Aid described in section 483 in order to be eli-
8	gible for, and receive, an actual financial aid
9	award that includes Federal grant, loan, or
10	work-study assistance under title IV; and
11	"(C) including a link to the website of the
12	Department that allows individuals to access
13	the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
14	described in section 483."; and
15	(b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 132 of the
16	Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a) is fur-
17	ther amended by redesignating subsections (k) and (l) as
18	subsections (d) and (e), respectively.
19	SEC. 3. OTHER AMENDMENTS.
20	(a) Cost of Attendance of a Program of
21	STUDY.—
22	(1) Determination of cost of attendance
23	OF A PROGRAM OF STUDY.—

1	(A) In General.—Section 472(a) of the
2	Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
3	1087ll(a)) is amended—
4	(i) in paragraph (1), by striking "car-
5	rying the same academic workload" and in-
6	serting "enrolled in the same program of
7	study and carrying the same academic
8	workload";
9	(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking
10	"same course of study" and inserting
11	"same program of study"; and
12	(iii) in paragraph (14), by striking
13	"program" and inserting "program of
14	study".
15	(2) Disclosure.—Section 472(c) of the High-
16	er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087ll(c)) is
17	amended—
18	(A) by inserting "of each program of study
19	at the institution" after "cost of attendance";
20	and
21	(B) by striking "of the institution" and in-
22	serting "of such programs of study at the insti-
23	tution".

1	(b) Program of Study Defined.—Section 103 of
2	the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003) is
3	amended—
4	(1) by redesignating paragraphs (15) through
5	(24) as paragraphs (16) through (25), respectively;
6	and
7	(2) by inserting after paragraphs (14) the fol-
8	lowing new paragraph:
9	"(14) Program of study defined.—
10	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'program of
11	study'—
12	"(i) means an eligible program at an
13	institution of higher education that is clas-
14	sified by a combination of—
15	"(I) one or more CIP codes; and
16	"(II) one credential level, deter-
17	mined by the credential awarded upon
18	completion of the program; and
19	"(ii) does not include a program of
20	study abroad.
21	"(B) CIP CODE.—The term 'CIP code'
22	means the six-digit taxonomic identification
23	code assigned by an institution of higher edu-
24	cation to a specific program of study at the in-
25	stitution, determined by the institution of high-

1	er education in accordance with the Classifica-
2	tion of Instructional Programs published by the
3	National Center for Education Statistics.
4	"(C) Credential Level.—
5	"(i) IN GENERAL.—The term 'creden-
6	tial level' means the level of the degree or
7	other credential awarded by an institution
8	of higher education to students who com-
9	plete a program of study of the institution.
10	Each degree or other credential awarded
11	by an institution shall be categorized by
12	the institution as either undergraduate cre-
13	dential level or graduate credential level.
14	"(ii) Undergraduate creden-
15	TIAL.—When used with respect to a cre-
16	dential or credential level, the term 'under-
17	graduate credential' includes credentials
18	such as an undergraduate certificate, an
19	associate degree, a bachelor's degree, and a
20	post-baccalaureate certificate (including
21	the coursework specified in paragraphs
22	(3)(B) and $(4)(B)$ of section $484(b)$).
23	"(iii) Graduate credential.—
24	When used with respect to a credential or
25	credential level, the term 'graduate creden-

1	tial includes credentials such as a master's
2	degree, a doctoral degree, a professional
3	degree (as defined under section 668.2 of
4	title 34, Code of Federal Regulations), and
5	a postgraduate certificate.".
6	(c) Elimination of Early Estimator Tool.—
7	Paragraph (4) of section 485E(b) of the Higher Education
8	Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092f(b)) is repealed.
9	(d) Conforming Amendments.—
10	(1) HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.—The
11	Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et
12	seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amended by
13	striking "College Navigator" each place it appears
14	and inserting "College Scorecard".
15	(2) Other references.—Any reference in
16	any law (other than the Higher Education Act of
17	1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.)), regulation, docu-
18	ment, record, or other paper of the United States to
19	the College Navigator website shall be considered to
20	be a reference to the College Scorecard website.
21	SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.
22	This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
23	take effect on July 1, 2027, and shall apply with respect
24	to award year 2027–2028 and each subsequent award

- 1 year, as determined under the Higher Education Act of
- 2 1965.

