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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring ideological oaths or similar statements, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CRENSHAW 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. PROHIBITION RELATING TO IDEOLOGICAL**  
4 **OATHS AND SIMILAR STATEMENTS.**

5 Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
6 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the  
7 following:

8 “(30)(A) The institution will not—

1           “(i) compel, require, induce, or solicit a  
2 student enrolled at the institution, an employee  
3 or contractor of the institution, or an applicant  
4 for admission to or employment or contracting  
5 at the institution to—

6           “(I) endorse an ideology that pro-  
7 motes the differential treatment of an indi-  
8 vidual or group of individuals based on  
9 race, color, or ethnicity; or

10           “(II) provide a statement indicating  
11 the person’s—

12           “(aa) race, color, ethnicity, or na-  
13 tional origin, except to the minimum  
14 extent needed record any necessary  
15 demographic information;

16           “(bb) views on, experience with,  
17 or past or planned contributions to ef-  
18 forts involving diversity, equity, and  
19 inclusion, marginalized groups,  
20 antiracism, social justice,  
21 intersectionality, or related concepts;  
22 or

23           “(cc) views on or experience with  
24 race, color, ethnicity, national origin,  
25 or other immutable characteristics; or

1           “(ii) provide preferential consideration to a  
2 student enrolled at the institution, an employee  
3 or contractor of the institution, or an applicant  
4 for admission to or employment or contracting  
5 at the institution on the basis of the person’s  
6 unsolicited statement in support of an ideology  
7 described in clause (i)(I).

8           “(B) Nothing in this paragraph may be  
9 construed—

10           “(i) to restrict academic research or  
11 coursework;

12           “(ii) to prevent a person from providing to  
13 an institution of higher education the informa-  
14 tion described in subparagraph (A) on the per-  
15 son’s own initiative separate from any specific  
16 requirement or request from the institution; or

17           “(iii) to prevent an institution from requir-  
18 ing an applicant for admission to or employ-  
19 ment or contracting at the institution to—

20           “(I) disclose or discuss the content of  
21 the applicant’s research or artistic cre-  
22 ations;

23           “(II) certify compliance with State  
24 and Federal antidiscrimination law; or

1                   “(III) discuss pedagogical approaches  
2                   or experience with students with learning  
3                   disabilities.”.