

AMENDMENT NO. 4 Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Department of Education to restore staffing levels at the Office for Civil Rights, and for other purposes.

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To require institutions of higher education participating in Federal student aid programs to share information about title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including a link to the webpage of the Office for Civil Rights where an individual can submit a complaint regarding discrimination in violation of such title, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. HASSAN

Viz:

- 1 At the end, add the following:
- 2 **SEC. _____. STAFFING AT THE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS.**
- 3 (a) **RESTORING STAFFING LEVELS.**—Not later than
- 4 7 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
- 5 retary of Education shall restore the Office for Civil
- 6 Rights staffing level to the level that existed on March
- 7 10, 2025.

1 (b) BRIEFING BEFORE REDUCTION.—The Secretary
2 of Education shall not reduce or transfer staff from the
3 Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education
4 until the Secretary carries out a briefing for the Com-
5 mittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the
6 Senate and the Committee on Education and Workforce
7 of the House of Representatives that includes—

8 (1) an analysis of the impact that such reduc-
9 tion or transfer would have on resolving open inves-
10 tigation in a thorough and timely manner;

11 (2) an analysis of the impact that such a reduc-
12 tion or transfer would have on the ability of the Of-
13 fice for Civil Rights to provide institutions of higher
14 education with training, technical assistance, and
15 other supports that help institutions of higher edu-
16 cation to comply with Federal civil rights laws; and

17 (3) a commitment to provide monthly briefings
18 to those Committees on the measured impact that
19 staff reductions have on the capacity of the Office
20 for Civil Rights to conduct timely and thorough in-
21 vestigations into violations of Federal civil rights
22 laws.