

## **FACT SHEET**

#### **House Committee on Education and the Workforce**

Ranking Member Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

# Vote "NO" on H.R. 6914, Extreme Republicans' Anti-Choice Bill to Keep Pregnant Students in the Dark About Their Rights

Pregnant students should be given access to information about **all their rights** – not just the information extreme Republicans will allow.

### What does H.R. 6914, the Pregnant Students' Rights Act, do?

H.R. 6914, the so-called <u>Pregnant Students' Rights Act</u>, would prescribe the circulation of a limited set of resources and information institutions of higher education must provide pregnant students regarding their rights and protections. These resources—which leave out information on contraception, abortion, pregnancy loss, and other reproductive and sexual health resources—are designed to encourage pregnant students to carry a pregnancy to term and could unduly influence students' choices regarding their pregnancy and health.

#### Does H.R. 6914 create new rights or protections for pregnant students?

H.R. 6914 **does not create any new rights or protections** for students that they do not currently have under *Title IX* of the *Education Amendments of 1972*. Instead, it requires that institutions of higher education only notify pregnant students of their rights and protections *that help them carry a pregnancy to term*. Under H.R. 6914, students who face other pregnancy conditions, such as pregnancy loss, do not receive notification of their right to accommodations nor how to file a federal civil rights complaint if they face discrimination.

#### What would the impact of H.R. 6914 be?

Although this bill purports to educate pregnant students about their academic rights and protections, its impact is much more sinister. By requiring institutions of higher education to only share information that encourages students to carry a pregnancy to term, extreme Republicans are potentially unduly influencing a woman's choice by keeping her in the dark about all options available to her.

Women should be able to control their own bodies, lives, and futures. By keeping students in the dark about the comprehensive health care choices, resources, and rights that are available to them, extreme Republicans are denying students the choice to decide what is best for themselves and their families.

**Extreme Republicans are not interested in providing pregnant students with the resources they need to succeed.** Here is a sample of the amendments Committee Republicans voted down during the Education and the Workforce Committee <u>markup</u>:

Amendment	D	R
Specifies that students are provided information about programs that support the health and well-being of pregnant women and children, like Medicaid and WIC	YES	NO
Ensures students are not denied access to information about sexual and reproductive health services, including contraception	YES	NO
Ensures students are not denied access to information about abortion services	YES	NO
Ensures students are not denied access to information about resources regarding pregnancy and related medical conditions, including miscarriage	YES	NO