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HR 401

Bryan's Law

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 6, 2001)

Bryan's Law - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) to require institutions of higher education, if they participate in any program under title IV (Student Assistance) of HEA, to notify parents concerning missing person reports about their children.

Requires each such institution, after its campus police or security authority receives a report that a resident student younger than age 21 is missing, to make a preliminary investigation and, if such authority cannot verify that the student is safe within 24 hours of receiving the report, to: (1) notify the student's parents, or if appropriate, any other individual listed as an emergency contact person for the student in its records, and the local police agency; and (2) cooperate with the local police agency regarding the investigation.

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to waive such requirements upon the request of a State that has enacted a law with similar requirements.

Declares that nothing in this Act may be construed to: (1) create a cause of action against any institution of higher education or its employees for any civil liability; or (2) establish any standard of care.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 22, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
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