

## HJRES 54

Students' Rights Resolution of 2001

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

**Introduced:** Jun 21, 2001

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform. (Aug 10, 2001)

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| Rep. Ballenger, Cass [R-NC-10]      | R · NC        |      | Oct 4, 2001  |
| Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]            | R · NE        |      | Nov 6, 2001  |
| Rep. Hostettler, John N. [R-IN-8]   | R · IN        |      | Nov 14, 2001 |
| Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]     | R · PA        |      | Nov 14, 2001 |
| Rep. Ryun, Jim [R-KS-2]             | R · KS        |      | Nov 16, 2001 |
| Rep. Tiahrt, Todd [R-KS-4]          | R · KS        |      | Dec 4, 2001  |
| Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-20]        | R · IL        |      | Feb 27, 2002 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House   | Referred to | Aug 10, 2001 |
| Judiciary Committee               | House   | Referred to | Jul 16, 2001 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Students' Rights Resolution of 2001 - Declares that Congress recognizes: (1) the right, as established by the Constitution and upheld by the Supreme Court, of all Americans to freely exercise their religion; (2) the constitutional right of students in public schools to participate in a daily period of time to be used for silent prayer, meditation, or reflection and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance; and (3) the right of religious groups to have equal access to school facilities without discrimination on account of religious character or speech.

Expresses the sense of Congress that public schools should act to protect these constitutional rights by establishing a period of time for silent prayer, meditation, or reflection, establishing a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, and accommodating religious groups by granting equal access rather than discriminating on account of their religious character or speech.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Aug 10, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
- **Jul 16, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jun 21, 2001:** Introduced in House
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