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HCONRES 318

Expressing the sense of the Congress that American colleges and universities should adopt an Academic Bill of Rights to secure the intellectual independence of faculty members and students and to protect the principle of intellectual diversity.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags
Policy Area:
Education
Related Bills
No related bills are listed.
Summary (as of Oct 30, 2003)
Encourages all public and private colleges and universities in the United States to adopt an Academic Bill of Rights and observe specified principles and procedures to secure the intellectual independence of faculty members and students and protect the principle of intellectual diversity.
Recognizes that such principles and procedures fully apply only to public universities and to private universities that present themselves as bound by the canons of academic freedom.
Expresses the sense of the Congress that private institutions choosing to restrict academic freedom on the basis of creed have an obligation to be as explicit as possible about the scope and nature of these restrictions.
Actions Timeline
 Nov 17, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness. Oct 30, 2003: Introduced in House Oct 30, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.