

## S 1261

### Higher Education Simplification and Deregulation Act of 2005

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Jun 16, 2005

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jun 16, 2005)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 16, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Higher Education Simplification and Deregulation Act of 2005 - Amends Higher Education Act of 1965 to revise requirements relating to: (1) student access to financial aid; and (2) regulating student aid programs of institutions of higher education (IHEs).

Provides for: (1) simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in an EZ FAFSA form, as well as electronic applications, and reapplications; (2) a system of early financial aid information; (3) revised processes for students with special circumstances; (4) eligibility verification; (5) year-round Pell Grants; (6) flexible loan limits for year-round study; (7) an annual listing of IHEs that are best buys in specified categories; (8) eliminating requirements to demonstrate financial need for certain types of graduate education assistance; (9) electronic voter registration; (10) review of regulatory and reporting requirements for student financial aid programs; (11) developing different environmental, health, and safety standards for research and teaching laboratories and facilities at IHEs than for industrial facilities; (12) accelerated negotiated rulemaking; (13) compliance and master calendars; (14) exempting nonprofit IHEs from certain default management plan and eligibility and certification procedures; (15) renewing provisions relating to loan disbursement; and (16) IHE foreign gift or contract disclosure reports to be made available to the public rather than filed with the Secretary of Education.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 16, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 16, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6748-6751)
- **Jun 16, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.