

## S 483

A bill to strengthen religious liberty and combat government hostility to expressions of faith, by extending the reach of The Equal Access Act to elementary schools.

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Mar 1, 2005

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1875) (Mar 1, 2005)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/483>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		May 11, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 1, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Mar 1, 2005)

Amends the Equal Access Act to include coverage of public elementary schools. (The Act currently prohibits public secondary schools, if they receive Federal funds and if they offer a limited public forum, from denying equal access or a fair opportunity to, or discriminating against, any students who wish to conduct a meeting within that limited open forum on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 1, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 1, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1873-1875)
- **Mar 1, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1875)