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Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2011

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Sponsor

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Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 10, 2011
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Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 10, 2011
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Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 10, 2011
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2011
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		May 18, 2011
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 23, 2011
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jul 27, 2011
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 9, 2012
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 9, 2012
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [I-CT]	ID · CT		Feb 29, 2012
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 20, 2012
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 10, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 998	Related bill	Mar 21, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

Summary (as of Mar 10, 2011)

Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2011 - Prohibits public school students from being excluded from participating in, or subject to discrimination under, any federally-assisted educational program on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity or that of their associates.

Considers harassment to be a form of discrimination.

Prohibits retaliation against anyone for opposing conduct they reasonably believe to be unlawful under this Act.

Authorizes federal departments and agencies to enforce these prohibitions by cutting off the educational assistance of recipients found to be violating them.

Allows an aggrieved individual to assert a violation of this Act in a judicial proceeding and recover reasonable attorney's fees should they prevail.

Deems a state's receipt of federal educational assistance for a program to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity for conduct prohibited under this Act regarding such program.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 10, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1557-1558)
- **Mar 10, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1558-1559)