

## HR 5871

### A Plus Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Jun 21, 2012
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Rep. Young, Todd [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Jul 9, 2012
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2012
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Nov 15, 2012
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Nov 15, 2012
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Nov 15, 2012
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2012
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Nov 15, 2012
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Nov 15, 2012
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Nov 30, 2012
Rep. Grimm, Michael G. [R-NY-13]	R · NY		Dec 13, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 26, 2012

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3472	Related bill	Jan 14, 2013: Became Public Law No: 112-278.
112 S 3478	Related bill	Aug 1, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of May 31, 2012)

Access to Papers Leads to Uninterrupted Scholars Act or the A Plus Act - Amends provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 that prohibit the Department of Education from funding educational agencies or institutions that release student educational records (or personally identifiable information other than certain directory information) to any individual, agency, or organization without written parental consent.

Expands the list of organizations exempt from such prohibitions (thereby permitting the educational agencies or institutions participating in a Department of Education program to release records or identifiable information to such organizations without parental consent) to include: (1) organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, child welfare agencies to improve educational outcomes for students in foster care; and (2) state or local child welfare agencies or tribal organizations responsible for a student's placement and care.

Permits the release of such records and information without additional notice to parents and students when a parent is a party to a child welfare court proceeding and a court order has already been issued in the context of that proceeding.

## Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **May 31, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **May 31, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.