

## S 1279

### Freedom to Pray Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Jul 11, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jul 17, 2013
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jul 23, 2013
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 24, 2013
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 24, 2013
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 30, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 11, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2926	Identical bill	Aug 1, 2013: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Freedom to Pray Act - Prohibits the federal government from revoking or withholding federal financial assistance that would otherwise be provided to any recipient on the basis of religious activities that are conducted voluntarily and initiated by participants in a program or activity carried out by such recipient.

Prohibits this Act from being construed to authorize the United States or any state or political subdivision to: (1) sponsor a religious activity, (2) prohibit a recipient of federal financial assistance from ensuring that a religious activity does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the program or activities carried out by such recipient, (3) require any person to participate in prayer or other religious activity, or (4) compel any employee or agent of a program or activity that is carried out by a recipient of federal financial assistance to participate in an activity if the content of the speech at the activity is contrary to their beliefs.

## **Actions Timeline**

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