

HR 1949

Improving Postsecondary Education Data for Students Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** May 13, 2013

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 23, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/1949>

Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		May 13, 2013
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		May 13, 2013
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		May 13, 2013
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		May 13, 2013
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		May 13, 2013
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		May 13, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Reported By	May 20, 2013
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 23, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Improving Postsecondary Education Data for Students Act - Directs the Secretary of Education to convene an Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data that: (1) is comprised of 15 members who represent economically, racially, and geographically diverse populations; and (2) includes higher education stakeholders, state officials, business representatives, college and career counselors at secondary schools, and experts in higher education policy, consumer choice, privacy, labor markets, and data policy, collection, and use.

Requires the Committee to study:

- the types of information the federal government should collect and report on institutions of higher education (IHEs) to assist students and families in their search for an IHE, including information related to postsecondary education costs, financial assistance, student outcomes, and postgraduation earnings;
- how that information should be collected and reported, including how to disaggregate student outcome information by student subgroups; and
- ways in which the federal government could make that information more readily available to students and their families in an easily accessible and understandable format, and to states, local governments, secondary schools, IHEs, and private-sector entities.

Requires the Committee, in conducting the study, to: (1) review relevant research concerning the types of information students and parents seek in searching for an IHE; (2) consider the utility of the information currently reported and whether additional information would be beneficial or confusing; and (3) consult with parents, students, and a broad range of parties interested in higher education.

Directs the Committee to submit an interim and final report on the study to Congress and the Secretary. Requires the Committee, after consulting with the Commissioner of Education Statistics, to include in its final report recommendations for legislative, regulatory, and administrative actions to improve the information the federal government collects and reports on IHEs.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 23, 2013:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **May 22, 2013:** Mr. Messer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 22, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2895-2898)
- **May 22, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1949.
- **May 22, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2895-2896)
- **May 22, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2895-2896)
- **May 22, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 20, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. H. Rept. 113-83.
- **May 20, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 58.
- **May 16, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 16, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 13, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **May 13, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.