

HR 1959

College Options for DREAMers Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2015
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Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Apr 29, 2015
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Apr 29, 2015
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Apr 29, 2015
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Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Apr 29, 2015
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Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Apr 30, 2015
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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jun 10, 2016
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 10, 2016
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jun 10, 2016
Rep. Takai, Mark [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jun 10, 2016
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Sep 28, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1059	Identical bill	Apr 22, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

College Options for DREAMers Act

This bill amends title IV (Student Assistance) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow Dreamer students to receive federal financial aid for higher education.

A "Dreamer student" is an individual who was under age 16 upon entering this country, has provided a list of secondary schools the individual attended in this country, and, in this country:

- has earned a high school diploma or the equivalent,
- is scheduled to complete the requirements for a high school diploma or equivalent before the next academic year begins,
- has acquired a degree from an institution of higher education,
- has successfully completed at least two years of a program for a baccalaureate or higher degree,
- is a beneficiary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or
- has served honorably in the uniformed services for at least four years.

The Department of Education must provide for a hardship exception to the age and secondary school list requirements.

States are allowed to offer unlawful aliens postsecondary benefits on the basis of their residence in the state (e.g., in-state tuition).

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **May 15, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.