

S 2468

SAFETY Act

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Jan 27, 2016

Current Status: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute

Latest Action: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. (Apr 27, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

Party: Democratic • State: MT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 27, 2016
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 9, 2016
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 4, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Apr 27, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4744	Identical bill	Sep 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

## **Safe Academic Facilities and Environments for Tribal Youth Act or the SAFETY Act**

This bill directs the Department of the Interior to carry out a Tribal School Construction Demonstration Program to award grants to Indian tribes for the construction of replacement tribal schools. The program provides additional funding and opportunities for tribes to construct schools. Tribes on the Interior priority list for construction of tribal schools receive the highest priority for a grant under this program.

This bill amends the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act of 1978 to revise the grant program for construction at tribal colleges and universities. The bill eliminates the requirements for Interior to identify the need for construction and tribal colleges and universities to provide matching funds. Restrictions on grant amounts and the use of constructed facilities are removed.

This bill amends the Housing Act of 1949 to authorize the Department of Agriculture to award grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal housing entities for the construction or renovation of housing in rural areas for educators at Indian schools and schools where at least 25% of the students are Indian.

The Bureau of Indian Education and the Office of Management and Budget must develop a 10-year plan to bring up to good condition certain Bureau of Indian Education school facilities.

The Government Accountability Office must report on Impact Aid for construction provided to local education agencies impacted by military dependent children and children who reside on Indian lands.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 27, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 6, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-287.
- **Jan 27, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 27, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.