

## HR 3178

Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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## Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Education and Workforce Committee                | House   | Referred to | Nov 16, 2015 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jul 12, 2016 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act

(Sec. 2) This bill amends title I (General Provisions) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to modify consumer information disclosure requirements related to college costs and student characteristics.

Specifically, it eliminates the existing restriction that limits calculations of cost of attendance, net price, and tuition and fees to first time students only.

Additionally, it eliminates provisions that require the Department of Education (ED) to make publicly available the following: (1) college affordability and transparency lists, (2) annual summaries of institutional reports, (3) state higher education spending charts; and (4) a multi-year tuition and fees calculator.

(Sec. 3) The bill directs ED to develop, annually update, and make publicly available a College Dashboard website to replace the College Navigator website.

It revises the consumer information ED must make publicly available regarding an institution that participates in federal student aid programs under title IV (Student Assistance). ED must also publish and link to the College Dashboard website additional information regarding student enrollment, completion rates, costs, use of financial aid, and faculty.

The bill establishes certain minimum requirements for an institution's net price calculator, including website location and information provided. Sale or distribution of personally identifiable information collected by a net price calculator is prohibited.

(Sec. 4) No additional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements of this bill.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 12, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. H. Rept. 114-674.
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 522.
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Mr. Messer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4603-4606)
- **Jul 11, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3178.
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4603-4605)
- **Jul 11, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4603-4605)
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 22, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 22, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.