

## S 439

Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2015

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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 11, 2015
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 11, 2015
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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 17, 2015
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 13, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 13, 2015
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 15, 2015
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 21, 2015
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 30, 2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 4, 2015
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		May 19, 2015
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 19, 2015
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 1, 2015
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 3, 2015
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 9, 2015
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 25, 2015
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jul 7, 2015
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 9, 2015
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 13, 2015
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Nov 3, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 10, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 846	Related bill	Apr 29, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

## Summary (as of Feb 10, 2015)

### Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2015

Prohibits public school students from being excluded from participating in, or subject to discrimination under, any federally-assisted educational program on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity or that of their associates.

Considers harassment to be a form of discrimination.

Prohibits retaliation against anyone for opposing conduct made unlawful under this Act.

Authorizes federal departments and agencies to enforce these prohibitions by cutting off the educational assistance of recipients found to be violating them.

Allows an aggrieved individual to assert a violation of this Act in a judicial proceeding and recover reasonable attorney's fees should they prevail.

Authorizes the Attorney General to institute a civil action in any appropriate U.S. district court for a violation of this Act.

Deems a state's receipt of federal educational assistance for a program to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity for conduct prohibited under this Act regarding such program.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 10, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
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