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Protecting Students from Sexual and Violent Predators Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Feb 12, 2015
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Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 24, 2015
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 25, 2015
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Feb 26, 2015
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 26, 2015
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 4, 2015
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	R · KY		Mar 11, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 12, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4666	Related bill	Sep 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
114 S 2625	Related bill	Mar 3, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2015)

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Requires states that receive funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to:

- require criminal background checks for each school employee that include searches of the criminal registry or repository of the state in which the employee resides, the child abuse and neglect registries and databases of that state, the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the National Sex Offender Registry;
- prohibit the employment of an individual who refuses to consent to, or who makes a false statement in connection with, a background check or who has been convicted of one of specified felonies or of a violent or sexual crime against a minor;
- require background checks to be periodically repeated or updated in accordance with state law or the policies of the state's local educational agencies (LEAs);
- provide school employees who have had a background check with a copy of the background check if they request one and a timely process to appeal the results of the background check if it blocks their service as a school employee;
- ensure that such policies and procedures are published on state and LEA websites; and
- allow an LEA to share the results of a recent background check on a school employee with another LEA that is considering that individual for employment.

Prohibits states and LEAs from knowingly transferring or facilitating the transfer of any school employee if they know, or have substantive reason to believe, that such employee engaged in sexual misconduct with an elementary or secondary school student.

Allows: (1) the Attorney General and state law enforcement officials to charge reasonable fees for conducting the background checks, and (2) states and LEAs to use ESEA administrative funds to pay such fees.

Actions Timeline

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