

## S 773

### Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

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## Sponsor

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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 18, 2015
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Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 18, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 18, 2015
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 18, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 18, 2015
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 18, 2015
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 27, 2015
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 12, 2016
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 14, 2016

## Committee Activity

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## Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1421	Related bill	Apr 29, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

## **Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act of 2015**

Amends title IV (Student Assistance) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require each institution of higher education (IHE) participating in a title IV program (except a foreign school) to include in its annual security report a statement of policy regarding harassment that includes: (1) a prohibition of harassment of students by other students, faculty, and staff; (2) a description of its programs to prevent harassment; (3) a description of the procedures that students should follow if harassment occurs; and (4) a description of the procedures it will follow once an incident of harassment has been reported.

Defines "harassment" to include certain conduct undertaken through technological means that limits a student's ability to benefit from the IHE's programs, or creates a hostile or abusive educational environment at the school.

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award competitive grants to IHEs to initiate, expand, or improve programs to: (1) prevent the harassment of students; (2) provide counseling or redress services to students who have been harassed or accused of subjecting other students to harassment; and (3) train students, faculty, or staff to prevent harassment or address harassment if it occurs.

Directs the Secretary to publish a report of best practices for combating harassment at IHEs.

### **Actions Timeline**

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