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Affordable College Textbook Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

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| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN] | D · MN | | Sep 26, 2017 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME] | I · ME | | Sep 26, 2017 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI] | D · RI | | Sep 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN] | D · MN | | Feb 5, 2018 |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD] | D · MD | | Mar 7, 2018 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] | D · CT | | Mar 13, 2018 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate | Referred To | Sep 26, 2017 |

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Related Bills

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| 115 HR 3840 | Identical bill | Sep 26, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. |

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This bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to make grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs) to support projects that expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students while maintaining or improving instruction and student learning outcomes. An open textbook is an educational resource that either resides in the public domain or has been released under an intellectual license that permits its free use, reuse, modification, and sharing with others.

Actions Timeline

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