

## S 2934

### Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 23, 2018
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 5, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 4, 2018
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 24, 2018
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 25, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 23, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5932	Identical bill	Oct 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development.

## **Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act**

This bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to partnerships between educational agencies and graduate institutions to increase the number of school-based mental-health services providers employed by low-income local educational agencies (LEAs).

Grant funds may be used for specified purposes, including to provide student-loan forgiveness and tuition credits and to support recruitment, hiring, and training.

In addition, ED shall establish a program to provide student-loan forgiveness for individuals who: (1) are not, and have never been, participants in the grant program established by the bill; and (2) have been employed by low-income LEAs for five or more consecutive school years as mental-health services providers.

### **Actions Timeline**

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