

## HR 2944

To Offer Refugees College Help (TORCH) Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jul 10, 2018
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Oct 26, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 20, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jun 20, 2017)

#### To Offer Refugees College Help (TORCH) Act

This bill amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require states to charge in-state tuition rates to refugees, asylees, and special immigrant visa holders if they are lawfully in the United States. This requirement only applies to the first state where the individual lives after being admitted into the United States.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 20, 2017:** Introduced in House
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