

HR 2944

To Offer Refugees College Help (TORCH) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| 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

- **Jun 20, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.