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Student Empowerment Act

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 21, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 21, 2018
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 21, 2018
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Jun 21, 2018
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Jun 21, 2018
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Jun 21, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 21, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6674	Identical bill	Aug 17, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow tax-exempt distributions from qualified tuition programs (known as 529 plans) to be used for additional educational expenses in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary school.

(Under current law, distributions in connection with an elementary or secondary school are limited to tuition for a public, private, or religious school.) The bill allows the distributions to be used for additional educational expenses, including:

- curriculum and curricular materials,
- books or other instructional materials,
- online educational materials,
- tutoring or educational classes outside the home,
- testing fees,
- fees for dual enrollment in an institution of higher education, and
- educational therapies for students with disabilities.

Distributions may also be used for the purposes above in connection with a homeschool (whether treated as a homeschool or a private school under state law).

Actions Timeline

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