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Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 27, 2017
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Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 10, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 13, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 5, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 27, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2151	Identical bill	Apr 26, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Summary (as of Apr 27, 2017)

Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act of 2017

This bill amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require each institution of higher education (IHE) to include in its annual security report a statement of policy regarding harassment that includes: (1) a prohibition of harassment of students by other students, faculty, and staff; (2) a description of its programs to prevent harassment; (3) a description of the procedures that students should follow if harassment occurs; and (4) a description of the procedures it will follow once an incident of harassment has been reported. In addition, the report must include a description of each occasion in which a pattern of harassment occurs and the actions taken by the IHE.

Harassment includes certain conduct undertaken through technological means that limits a student's ability to benefit from the IHE's programs, or creates a hostile or abusive educational environment at the school.

The Department of Education (ED) may award grants to IHEs to initiate, expand, or improve programs to: prevent the harassment of students; provide counseling or redress services to students who have been harassed or accused of subjecting other students to harassment; and train students, faculty, or staff to prevent harassment or address harassment if it occurs.

ED must publish a report of best practices for combating harassment at IHEs.

Actions Timeline

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