

## S 1451

### People's Liberation Army (PLA) Visa Security Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 14, 2019)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]

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

## Cosponsors (5 total)

| Cosponsor                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN] | R · TN        |      | May 14, 2019 |
| Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]         | R · TX        |      | May 14, 2019 |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]   | R · IA        |      | May 14, 2019 |
| Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]      | R · MO        |      | May 14, 2019 |
| Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]      | R · FL        |      | May 14, 2019 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | May 14, 2019 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action                                                                |
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| 116 HR 2713 | Related bill | Jun 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. |

## **People's Liberation Army (PLA) Visa Security Act**

This bill bars individuals affiliated with the Chinese military from entering the United States on visas for students (F visa) or work-and-study exchange (J visa).

The President shall publish a list identifying research, engineering, and scientific institutions affiliated or funded by China's People's Liberation Army. Aliens who are or were previously employed, sponsored, or funded by any institution on the list shall be subject to the bar.

When a Chinese national applies for an F or J visa for an academic field related to an item on the Commerce Control List (a list of items subject to export controls), the consular officer handling the application shall request a special background check on the applicant.

### **Actions Timeline**

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