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Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act

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Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 5, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 11, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 23, 2019

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Related Bills

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116 HR 2958	Identical bill	May 23, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to partnerships between educational agencies and graduate institutions to increase the number of school-based mental-health services providers employed by low-income local educational agencies (LEAs).

Grant funds may be used for specified purposes, including to provide student-loan forgiveness and tuition credits and to support recruitment, hiring, and training.

In addition, ED shall establish a program to provide student-loan forgiveness for individuals who (1) are not, and have never been, participants in the grant program established by the bill; and (2) have been employed by low-income LEAs for five or more consecutive school years as mental-health services providers.

Actions Timeline

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