

## S 2024

USA Civics Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 27, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 31, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 31, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 9, 2019
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Sep 9, 2019
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 16, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 17, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Dec 12, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 27, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5810	Related bill	<b>Feb 7, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **Understanding and Studying American Civics Act of 2019 or the USA Civics Act of 2019**

This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 and revises the American History for Freedom grant program.

The bill renames the program as the American Civics Education Program.

The bill authorizes the Department of Education to award grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs) once every three years to establish or strengthen academic programs to promote American political thought and history; the history, achievements, and impact of American representative democracy and constitutional democracies globally; and the means of participation in political and civic life. Currently, such grants are awarded to IHEs for three years and are focused on traditional American history and the history and achievements of Western civilization.

IHEs may use grants to support additional activities, such as collaborating with federal or state humanities programs and using open educational resources.

### **Actions Timeline**

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