

## S 2339

### Higher Education Reform and Opportunity Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jul 30, 2019)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

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

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 30, 2019
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		Aug 4, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 30, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4098	Identical bill	Jul 30, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **Higher Education Reform and Opportunity Act of 2019**

This bill revises requirements governing the financing and accreditation of postsecondary education.

Specifically, the bill makes postsecondary education courses and programs (e.g., apprenticeship programs) that provide credits toward a postsecondary certification, credential, or degree eligible for federal student aid funding if the programs and courses are accredited by a state that has an alternative accreditation agreement with the Department of Education.

The bill also requires institutions to publish certain enrollment and financial aid information, such as (1) the percentage of former financial aid recipients who are employed at various intervals following graduation, and (2) the average amount of total federal student loan debt accrued upon graduation. The Government Accountability Office must compile and study all such information published by institutions and submit a report containing the results.

In addition, the bill consolidates federal student loans into one student loan program and eliminates loan forgiveness for borrowers.

Lastly, the bill requires an institution that receives federal student aid funding to pay a default rate fine that is based on the default rate of loans made to its students.

### **Actions Timeline**

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