

## HR 3512

PROTECT Students Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 19, 2019
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Aug 13, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Aug 23, 2019
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Nov 8, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 26, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4977	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 HR 3369	Related bill	<b>Jun 19, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 S 867	Identical bill	<b>Mar 26, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of Jun 26, 2019)

### Preventing Risky Operations from Threatening the Education and Career Trajectories of Students Act of 2019 or the PROTECT Students Act of 2019

This bill provides additional oversight of postsecondary education programs, including for-profit institutions of higher education (IHEs), and addresses protections for students and student loan borrowers from fraudulent or predatory practices.

The bill sets forth a variety of provisions concerning oversight of for-profit IHEs. Specifically, the bill decreases the cap on the amount of revenue for-profit IHEs may receive from federal sources, including funds from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense. In addition, it establishes (1) a process for reviewing for-profit IHEs that convert to nonprofit or public status, and (2) a For-Profit Education Oversight Coordination Committee.

The bill also sets forth provisions to address predatory practices in higher education. For instance, the bill requires career education programs to prepare students for gainful employment. In addition, it requires the Office of Federal Student Aid to have a unit that enforces compliance with laws governing student financial assistance programs. The office must also maintain a system that tracks reports of suspicious activity of IHEs or student loan servicers, including anonymous complaints. Lastly, the bill allows borrowers of student loans to seek loan forgiveness if IHEs mislead the students or engage in other misconduct.

Finally, the bill prohibits IHEs that receive federal funding from limiting students' legal actions, providing incentive compensation, and using educational assistance funds for recruiting and marketing activities.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.