

S 3949

Helping Parents Educate Children During the Coronavirus Pandemic

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Taxation

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

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

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill expands the types of educational expenses that may be paid from a qualified tuition program (commonly known as a 529 plan) for students enrolled at or attending an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school. It also permits payments of certain education expenses for home schooling during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency period beginning on March 13, 2020, and ending on the date the emergency period has ended.

The bill also permits penalty free distributions from tax-preferred retirement plans for the period after February 29, 2020, and before January 1, 2021, if contributed to a 529 plan.

Actions Timeline

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