

S 4181

Library Stabilization Fund Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: Jul 2, 2020

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introduced)

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4227) (Jul 2, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 23, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 29, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 2, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7486	Identical bill	Jul 2, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.

Summary (as of Jul 2, 2020)

Library Stabilization Fund Act of 2020

This bill establishes and provides funds for a Library Stabilization Fund to assist libraries with responding to and recovering from the coronavirus (i.e., the virus that causes COVID-19) pandemic.

Specifically, the bill directs the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to allocate funding to states, Indian tribes, and organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians. From these allocated funds, the IMLS must also make emergency library relief grants to state library administrative agencies with approved five-year plans, Indian tribes, and organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians.

Additionally, the IMLS must allocate funding to carry out activities that strengthen the ability of libraries to provide services to communities affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The IMLS may enter into arrangements (e.g., grants and contracts) and other forms of assistance with libraries, library consortia and associations, and institutions of higher education to carry out these activities.

Funds allocated by the bill may be used to provide support to libraries, such as by supporting general operations; paying staff; purchasing cleaning supplies; training library staff on the safe handling of library materials; providing access to computers and other technology; purchasing digital resources; expanding resources related to early education and literacy, distance learning, and workforce development training; and ensuring access to community services and activities.

Actions Timeline

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