

## S 4465

### Emergency Grant Aid for College Students Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Aug 6, 2020
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### Committee Activity

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Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 6, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes an emergency financial-aid grant program.

Specifically, the Department of Education must award grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs) and, through them, emergency financial-aid grants to students.

An IHE must, among other things, ensure that an emergency for which a student is eligible to receive a grant includes financial challenges that impact the student's ability to continue their course of study (e.g., loss of employment).

Further, the bill prohibits an emergency financial-aid grant from being (1) treated as other financial assistance for the purposes of calculating a student's amount of need, or (2) considered in determining the amount of financial aid or eligibility for other public benefits for succeeding academic years.

### **Actions Timeline**

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