

HR 4596

Student Loan Advocacy Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: Oct 1, 2019

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. (Oct 1, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4596>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Oct 1, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4674	Related bill	Dec 28, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 583.
116 HR 4627	Related bill	Oct 8, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Student Loan Advocacy Act

This bill revises the purpose, authority, and management of the Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA), and it establishes the Office of the Borrower Advocate within the FSA to assist borrowers in resolving certain problems.

The FSA is the performance-based organization responsible for managing the administrative and oversight functions supporting federal student aid programs. The bill places certain transparency, oversight, and accountability requirements (e.g., data collection, sharing, and publication) on the FSA, and it revises requirements related to the FSA's performance plan and reporting on such performance.

The bill also establishes the Office of the Borrower Advocate to replace the Student Loan Ombudsman that is currently responsible for informally resolving complaints from student loan borrowers. This office shall (1) assist student loan borrowers in resolving problems with the FSA; (2) compile, analyze, publish, and attempt to resolve borrowers' complaints; and (3) make recommendations with respect to federal student loan programs and the experiences of borrowers in repayment under such programs. The bill also places additional requirements on the office such as making certain student loan oversight information available to the public.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 1, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.