

S 461

HBCU PARTNERS Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: Feb 12, 2019

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 116-270.

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Law: 116-270 (Enacted Dec 31, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/461>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN] | R · TN | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN] | R · IN | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE] | D · DE | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA] | D · CA | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS] | R · MS | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL] | D · AL | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA] | D · VA | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA] | R · GA | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] | I · VT | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC] | R · NC | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD] | D · MD | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA | | Feb 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] | R · MS | | Feb 12, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 14, 2019 |
| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 14, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 1054 | Related bill | Feb 7, 2019: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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 Dec 31, 2020)

HBCU Propelling Agency Relationships Towards a New Era of Results for Students Act or the HBCU PARTNERS Act

This bill addresses the capacity of historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to participate in federal programs. Specifically, the bill requires certain agencies to submit annual plans for strengthening the capacity of HBCUs to participate in federal programs. Among other things, the plans must establish how the agencies intend to increase the capacity of HBCUs to compete effectively for grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements.

The agencies must provide technical assistance and information to the White House Initiative on HBCUs to enhance communication with HBCUs concerning their program activities and initiatives as well as applications for grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements.

In addition, the bill provides statutory authority for the President's Board of Advisors on HBCUs.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 31, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 31, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-270.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 14, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 11, 2020:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 461 by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S7450)
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- **Dec 8, 2020:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Dec 7, 2020:** Ms. Adams moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 7, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6877-6880)
- **Dec 7, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 461.
- **Dec 7, 2020:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 7, 2020:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6883-6884)
- **Dec 7, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 388 - 6 (Roll no. 237).(text: CR H6878-6879)
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- **Dec 7, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.
- **Feb 12, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 12, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S1281-1282; text: CR S1281-1282)
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