

HR 4968

BASIC Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. (Oct 31, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]

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

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Dec 10, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jan 9, 2020
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 31, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2225	Identical bill	Jul 23, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Oct 31, 2019)

Basic Assistance for Students In College Act or the BASIC Act

This bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to award planning and implementation grants to institutions of higher education in order to identify and meet the basic needs of students, including food, housing, transportation, and health care. ED must also implement an agreement to (1) share data with other federal agencies in order to identify students who may be eligible for certain federal benefits; and (2) coordinate efforts to enroll those students in federal benefits programs, including Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 31, 2019:** Introduced in House
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