

SJRES 56

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability".

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

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Latest Action: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent. (Mar 11, 2020)

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Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 22, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Oct 23, 2019

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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 24, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 10, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HJRES 76	Identical bill	Jun 26, 2020: The Chair announced that the bill and accompanying veto message were referred to the Committee on Education and Labor. The Chair directed the Clerk to notify the Senate of the action of the House.

Summary (as of Sep 26, 2019)

This joint resolution nullifies a rule issued by the Department of Education (ED) on September 23, 2019. The rule revised the process for a student loan borrower to obtain a discharge from a student loan if an institution of higher education misrepresented a material fact. Among other requirements, the 2019 rule requires each borrower to apply to ED for a defense to repayment. However, under the previous 2016 rule, an application could be submitted on behalf of an entire group (e.g., veterans).

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 11, 2020:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1678)
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by petition pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c).
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 439.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 55 - 41. Record Vote Number: 69.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by motion. (consideration: CR S1660-1661)
- **Sep 26, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 26, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text: CR S5752)