

HR 5810

USA Civics Act of 2020

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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. (Feb 7, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 7, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2024	Related bill	Jun 27, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Understanding and Studying American Civics Act of 2020 or the USA Civics Act of 2020

This bill reauthorizes through FY2026 and revises the American History for Freedom grant program.

The bill renames the program as the American Civics Education Program.

The bill authorizes the Department of Education to award grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs) once every three years to establish or strengthen academic programs to promote American political thought and history; the history, achievements, and impact of American representative democracy and constitutional democracies globally; and the means of participation in political and civic life. Currently, such grants are awarded to IHEs for three years and are focused on traditional American history and the history and achievements of Western civilization.

IHEs may use grants to support additional activities, such as collaborating with federal or state humanities programs and using open educational resources.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 7, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 7, 2020:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E155)
- **Feb 7, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.