

HR 621

Student Empowerment Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]

Party: Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (31 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Jan 16, 2019
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Jan 16, 2019
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jan 16, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jan 16, 2019
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jan 28, 2019
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Mar 7, 2019
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		May 20, 2019
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		May 20, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		May 20, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		May 20, 2019
Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		May 21, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		May 21, 2019
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		May 21, 2019
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		May 21, 2019
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		May 23, 2019
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		May 23, 2019
Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jun 10, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4537	Related bill	Sep 8, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 S 157	Identical bill	Jan 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Jan 16, 2019)

Student Empowerment Act

This bill allows tax-exempt distributions from qualified tuition programs (known as 529 plans) to be used for additional educational expenses in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary school.

(Under current law, distributions in connection with an elementary or secondary school are limited to tuition for a public, private, or religious school.) The bill allows the distributions to be used for additional educational expenses, including

- curriculum and curricular materials,
- books or other instructional materials,
- online educational materials,
- tutoring or educational classes outside the home,
- testing fees,
- fees for dual enrollment in an institution of higher education, and
- educational therapies for students with disabilities.

Distributions may also be used for tuition and the purposes above in connection with a homeschool (whether treated as a homeschool or a private school under state law).

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 16, 2019:** Introduced in House
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