

## S 672

Debt-Free College Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Mar 6, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 6, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/672>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 6, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 6, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 5079	Related bill	<b>Dec 21, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 1571	Identical bill	<b>Mar 6, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **Debt-Free College Act of 2019**

This bill requires the Department of Education to (1) award grants for state-federal partnerships with a goal of providing debt-free college for students at in-state public institutions of higher education, and (2) award grants to provide debt-free college for students at historically black colleges and universities and minority serving institutions, and (3) allow grants for financial aid for dreamer students (students who entered the United States before the age of 16 and who meet certain educational criteria). It also repeals the suspension of eligibility for financial aid for students convicted of the possession or sale of illegal drugs.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 6, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 6, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.