

## S 939

### CONFUCIUS Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Mar 28, 2019

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Jun 15, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/939>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jun 2, 2020
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jun 9, 2020
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 10, 2020

### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4629	Related bill	<b>Sep 17, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
116 HR 7601	Identical bill	<b>Jul 13, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## Concerns Over Nations Funding University Campus Institutes in the United States Act or the CONFUCIUS Act

This bill addresses China's influence on postsecondary educational institutions through Confucius Institutes, which are cultural institutes directly or indirectly funded by the Chinese government.

Specifically, the bill establishes requirements for postsecondary educational institutions that receive federal funding and that have contracts or agreements with Confucius Institutes. The contracts or agreements must include clear provisions that (1) protect the academic freedom of the institutions; (2) prohibit the application of foreign law on the institutions' campuses; and (3) grant full managerial authority of the institutes to the institutions, including full control over teaching plans, activities, research grants, and employment decisions.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 15, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 15, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 11, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 10, 2020:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 10, 2020:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S2859-2861)
- **Jun 10, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 10, 2020:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S2860-2861)
- **Mar 28, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 28, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.