

## S 1585

### Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** May 12, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (May 13, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1585>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 12, 2021

### Committee Activity

*No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.*

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2914	Identical bill	<b>Apr 30, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

### Summary (as of May 12, 2021)

#### Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act

This bill requires institutions of higher education (IHEs) that participate in federal student-aid programs to share contact information for suicide prevention resources with students.

If IHEs distribute student identification cards, then they must include on the cards phone numbers for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Crisis Text Line, and a campus mental-health center or program.

If IHEs do not create such cards, then they must publish the numbers on their websites.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 13, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 13, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **May 13, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **May 12, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 12, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S2469-2470; text: CR S2470)
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