

## S 1757

### Children Have Opportunities in Classrooms Everywhere Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 20, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		May 20, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3704	Identical bill	<b>Jun 4, 2021:</b> Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
117 HR 605	Related bill	<b>Jan 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
117 S 44	Related bill	<b>Jan 26, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Children Have Opportunities in Classrooms Everywhere 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 elementary or secondary school. The bill also allows certain federal funds for elementary and secondary education to follow a student from a low-income household to the public school that the student attends or for tax-exempt educational expenses.

Under current law, tax-exempt distributions in connection with elementary or secondary school are limited to tuition for a public, private, or religious school. The bill allows these distributions to be used additionally for

- 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 home school (whether treated as a home school or a private school under state law).

In addition, the bill directs state educational agencies to allocate grant funds to ensure the funding follows students to their public school or for other tax-exempt educational expenses outlined by the bill. Each state that carries out these allocations must establish a plan that allows the parent or guardian of an eligible child to apply for grant funds.

## **Actions Timeline**

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