

S 1780

Diversify Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 20, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 20, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 20, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 20, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 21, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 2, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 6, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Oct 7, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 18, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 26, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 18, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3393	Related bill	May 20, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.

Diversifying by Investing in Educators and Students To Improve Outcomes For Youth Act or the Diversify Act

This bill revises the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) grant program. The TEACH program awards grants to undergraduate and graduate students who commit to teaching in a high-need field and in an elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students.

First, the bill raises the maximum amount for TEACH grants.

Second, the bill allows TEACH grants to cover the full cost of attendance. Currently, these grants may be used only for tuition, fees, and on-campus housing.

The bill allows teaching in a high-need early childhood education program to count toward service requirements for the program.

Next, the bill eliminates the process for converting a TEACH grant to a loan if a recipient does not complete the requirements of the program. Further, the bill prohibits the Department of Education (ED) from instituting or creating a monetary penalty for failure or refusal to complete the service requirement.

In addition, the bill requires ED to send an electronic certificate to grant recipients who have completed their service requirement.

The bill also exempts the TEACH program from sequestration, which is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.

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