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BASIC Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: Jun 10, 2021

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. (Jun 10, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2004>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

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| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | Jun 10, 2021 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA] | D · MA | | Jun 10, 2021 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA | | Jun 10, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jun 10, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 3857 | Identical bill | Jun 11, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |

Summary (as of Jun 10, 2021)

Basic Assistance for Students In College Act or the BASIC Act

This bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to award planning and implementation grants to institutions of higher education in order to identify and meet the basic needs of students, including food, housing, transportation, and health care. ED must also implement an agreement to (1) share data with other federal agencies in order to identify students who may be eligible for certain federal benefits; and (2) coordinate efforts to enroll those students in federal benefits programs, including Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Actions Timeline

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