

HR 204

STEM Opportunities Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jan 5, 2021
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Apr 30, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		May 14, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		May 14, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		May 14, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		May 14, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		May 17, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		May 17, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		May 17, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 19, 2021
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2224	Identical bill	Jun 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HRES 403	Related bill	May 18, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of May 18, 2021)

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This bill provides for guidance, data collection, and grants for groups historically underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at institutions of higher education (IHEs) and at federal science agencies.

Specifically, the bill requires the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to provide specified guidance related to such groups to federal science agencies and IHEs.

Each federal science agency must collect comprehensive demographic data on recipients of merit-reviewed research and development grants given to IHEs and federal laboratories supported by that agency.

Each agency must also implement recommendations from the OSTP report titled *Reducing the Impact of Bias in the STEM Workforce*. In addition, each agency must carry out a pilot program and implement evidence-based policies and practices to minimize the effect of implicit bias in the grant review process.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) must carry out and publish a survey to collect data on the demographics of STEM faculty, by broad fields of STEM, at different types of IHEs.

The NSF must also carry out a variety of grant programs, including grants for increasing (1) the recruitment, retention, and advancement of individuals from underrepresented minority groups in STEM careers; (2) the recruitment and retention of minority students who are underrepresented in STEM fields; and (3) student participation in computer science and computational thinking education programs at tribal colleges and universities.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **May 18, 2021:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 403, proceedings on H.R. 204 are considered vacated.
- **May 18, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 403, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 144, as amended; H.R. 204, as amended; H.R. 210, as amended; H.R. 240; H.R. 707, as amended; H.R. 711, as amended; H.R. 1157, as amended; H.R. 1447, as amended; H.R. 1510, as amended; H.R. 1711, as amended; H.R. 2027; H.R. 2167, as amended; H.R. 2441; H.R. 2494; H.R. 2533; H.R. 2655, as amended; H.R. 2695, H.R. 2704; H.R. 2788; H.R. 2878, as amended; and H.R. 3008.(consideration: CR H2482-2520; text: CR H2482-2487)
- **May 18, 2021:** Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 403, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 144, as amended; H.R. 204, as amended; H.R. 210, as amended; H.R. 240; H.R. 707, as amended; H.R. 711, as amended; H.R. 1157, as amended; H.R. 1447, as amended; H.R. 1510, as amended; H.R. 1711, as amended; H.R. 2027; H.R. 2167, as amended; H.R. 2441; H.R. 2494; H.R. 2533; H.R. 2655, as amended; H.R. 2695, H.R. 2704; H.R. 2788; H.R. 2878, as amended; and H.R. 3008. (consideration: CR H2482-2520; text: CR H2482-2487)
- **May 17, 2021:** Ms. Bonamici moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 17, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2392-2398; text: CR H2392-2397)
- **May 17, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 204.
- **May 17, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E5)
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.