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Put Students First Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Feb 12, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 3, 2021

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill prohibits the Department of Education (ED) from providing certain FY2021 education funds or COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) relief funds to an elementary or secondary school that does not offer in-person instruction by April 30, 2021. A school must forfeit or return these funds if it does not offer in-person instruction by that date.

Additionally, the bill outlines the use of forfeited and returned funds. A state may regain eligibility for these funds if it submits an implementation plan to ED that provides students with school choice options. If a state does not submit an implementation plan, then the funds must be provided as grants to states with the highest percentage of schools offering in-person instruction.

Actions Timeline

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